

streets gets into our storm drain system, is washed into our local waterways, and eventually is carried out to the San Francisco Bay and into the ocean. Volunteers can help by working together to keep the river clean.

Sonoma RCD's Range Tailgate 2: Cows, Compost + Carbon

August 27, 2019

Sonoma RCD's workshop [Range Tailgate 2: Cows, Compost + Carbon](#) will be held on Tuesday, August 27 from 9am to 11:30am. The address will be provided upon registration. The RCD and Sonoma Mountain Institute invite ranchers and prospective ranchers to come learn the latest findings from their Healthy Soils Demonstration Project. This demonstration field trail was established in 2018 on a private 300-acre ranch owned by the Sonoma Mountain Institute. The goal of the project is examine how compost application influences soil health and forage productivity on a working rangeland. The tailgate will include a discussion on the comparison of baseline versus year one soil samples, as well as a discussion of practice adoption pros and cons from the ranch manager. For questions, contact project manager Kari Wester at kwester@sonomarc.org or (707) 569-1448 ext 101.

Carbon Farm Planning Training

October 3, 2019

The Carbon Farming Network is hosting [a Carbon Farm Planning Training](#) on October 3 from 9am to 5pm at Bowles Farm. Learn about the scientific basis for carbon farming, how develop a Carbon Farm Plan, and much more. The event is co-hosted by Fibershed, East Stanislaus RCD, East Merced RCD, Bowles Farming Company, Inc., Carbon Cycle Institute, and CARCD. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch; [please register using this link](#). RCDs can contact Kristen at kristen-murphy@carcd.org or (916) 520-9404 for information on financial assistance for registration and transportation.

Riverside-Corona RCD's Native Plant Sale

November 2, 2019

The Riverside-Corona RCD will be hosting [a native plant sale](#) in partnership with the California Native Plant Society's local chapter. Join them at the Land Use Learning Center (4500 Glenwood Dr., Riverside) on Saturday, November 2 from 9am to 3pm to add to pollinator friendly, drought tolerant, and unique native plants to your garden.

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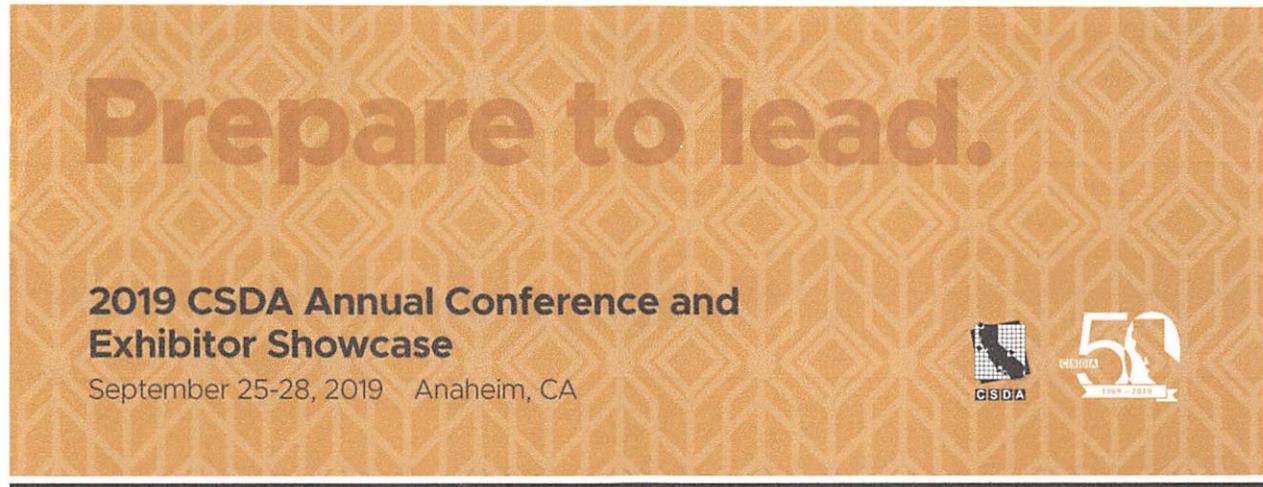
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CSDA Policy and Procedure Workshop in Anaheim

You don't need to be registered for the entire [2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase](#) to take advantage of our workshop "Developing Effective Policies, Procedures, and Task Outlines" and other popular sessions on Wednesday, September 25. CSDA members are able to attend one of our two full-day pre-conference workshops for just \$225 including lunch! Space is limited – early registration is encouraged.

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- The Board and GM Working Together to Optimize the District – a 5-Step Program for Assuring Optimal Performance (*half-day*)

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If you are already registered for the 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase email itzelb@csda.net to add a pre-conference workshop to your registration.

Can't wait for details on CSDA's Board Secretary/Clerk Conference coming up this November 12 -14 in Monterey? E-mail meganh@csda.net to receive a PDF of the brochure before it hits your mailbox!



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-River Rally 2019 presenter

Workshop Proposal Guidelines

All workshop proposals must relate to one or more of this year's **River Rally themes**. We are also looking for proposals that relate to these themes *and* intersect with diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

Workshops are typically either 90 minutes in length and may include up to three co-presenters *or* are 15 minutes in length for our fast-paced "lightning" sessions involving just one presenter.

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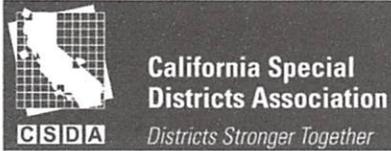
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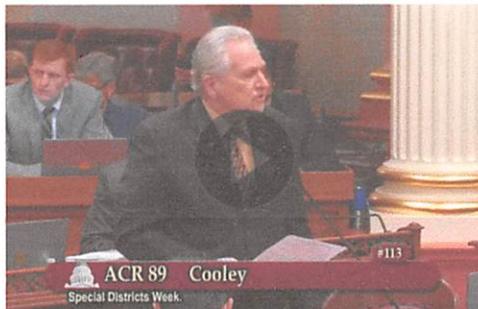
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August 20, 2019



What will the Legislature's Last Month Mean to Your District?

The California State Legislature reconvened from its summer recess and has only one month left in the first year of the 2019-2020 Legislative Session for legislators to act on hundreds of pending bills, many of which impact special districts. Download CSDA's Mid-Year Legislative Report for an in-depth look on the status of CSDA-advocated legislation. [READ MORE...](#)



California State Legislature Establishes Special Districts Week

Last week, the California State Legislature established Special Districts Week, September 22 to September 28, to encourage all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government. Click on the video to watch author Assemblymember Ken Cooley present on ACR 89. [READ MORE...](#)

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Newly Released Impact Fee Report Could Influence the Future of District Revenues

As required by 2017's AB 879 (Grayson), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has completed its long-awaited study on Development Impact Fees. The study was conducted by the University of California's Turner Center as outsourced by HCD. It generally found that, while impact fees may increase housing costs and limit growth...

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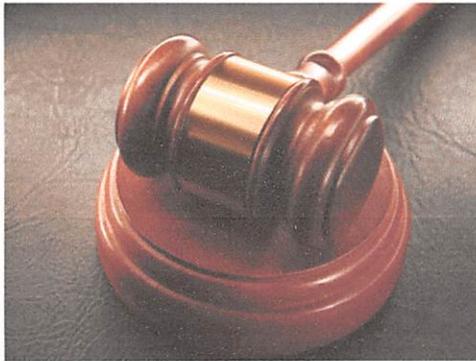
If you haven't already done so, log onto the CSDA website and submit your completed survey with our new online tool. Already completed the survey? You are already entered to win!

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Newly Added One-Hour Sexual Harassment Avoidance Training Webinar

CSDA has recently added a new one-hour Sexual Harassment Avoidance Training for non-supervisory employees which satisfies SB 1343. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, September 10 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** During the webinar, Joseph Sanchez, Best Best & Krieger LLP, will cover what constitutes harassment, how to recognize and avoid it.

[Register Here](#)



CSDA Board Election Results

Congratulations to those recently elected to the CSDA Board in seat B for the 2020 - 2022 term!

- Greg Orsini, McKinleyville Community Services District
- Jerry Gilmore, Truckee Sanitary District
- Ryan Clausnitzer, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District
- Lorenzo Rios, Clovis Veterans Memorial District
- Jeff Hodge, SDA, Santa Ynez Community Services District
- Kathy Tiegs, Cucamonga Valley Water District

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RFP- Fire Vulnerability Assessment & Emergency

SDLF RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to the following SDLF recipients!

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Remleh Scherzinger, Nevada Irrigation District

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

[General Manager](#) –
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Evacuation Preparedness Plan

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Recognition in Special District Governance:

- Robert Topolovac, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
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DISTRICTS, PARTNERS GATHER IN TENNESSEE FOR SOUTHEAST REGION MEETING

August 20, 2019



On Aug. 11-13, conservation district officials, employees and partners from 10 southeast states and territories gathered in Gatlinburg, Tenn., for the 2019 NACD Southeast Region Meeting. The three-day meeting was hosted by the **Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts (TACD)**.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, NACD Southeast Region board members met after a morning service. A partnership roundtable followed, led by NACD Southeast Region Chair **Franklin Williams** and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist for Tennessee, **Sheldon Hightower**. That evening, meeting participants networked and enjoyed a cookout and music from the band **Hillbilly Bad** followed by a private viewing of the film **Hidden Rivers of the Southern Appalachians** with comments from director **Jeremy Monroe**.

On Monday, Aug. 12, NACD Board Member **Ray Weaver** welcomed participants to Tennessee. That morning, conservationist and author **David Ramsey** spoke about the

Southeast Region Honors Leaders



On Monday, Aug. 12, the Southeast Region inducted 10 new leaders into the Southeast Region Hall of Fame during the 2019 Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame Luncheon. The Southeast Region Hall of Fame recognizes individuals from the nine-state, two-territory region who have had a significant impact or influence on conservation practices and partnerships. Each state and territory may nominate one individual for the award each year.

The 2019 inductees are:

Alabama – **Kenneth Sanders**
 Florida – **Clegg Hooks**
 Georgia – **Danny Hogan**
 Kentucky – **Ray Adams**
 Mississippi – **Russell Gray**
 Houston

successful efforts of a diverse group of local citizens to preserve the important Rocky Fork watershed area in eastern Tennessee. Afterwards, TACD President **Jim Bledsoe** addressed participants and Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture **Dr. Charlie Hatcher** provided a keynote address. Later, at a celebratory luncheon, participants recognized the accomplishments of 10 individuals who were inducted into the Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame. After the luncheon, NRCS Deputy Chief for Programs **Jimmy Bramblett** spoke about the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill and the Conservation Assessment & Ranking Tool (CART) and **Mike Hubbs** spoke about TACD's soil health initiative.



The general session on Tuesday, Aug. 13, opened with an update from NACD Secretary-Treasurer **Ian Cunningham**. NRCS Regional Conservationist for the Southeast **James Tillman** shared information about the Workload Cycle Time Study. Tennessee State Forester and Assistant Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, **David Arnold** talked to participants about the 2016 Sevier wildfires and efforts by local communities to gain and maintain Firewise USA recognition. **Shelby Lyn Sanders** shared the Foothills Land Conservancy's efforts to preserve land in Tennessee. NACD Southeast Region Executive Board Member **Gary Blair** provided closing remarks.

The meeting continued in the afternoon with three different tours. One tour focused on forest management and forest fire recovery, another on land preservation and outdoor learning areas with the **Blount County Soil Conservation District**, and another on the history of Sevier County and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The NACD Southeast Region Meeting wrapped up with a banquet and auction benefiting the **Southeast Conservation District Employees Association** accompanied by entertainer **David Browning: The Mayberry Deputy**.

NCPP NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR HUGH HAMMOND BENNETT AWARD

North Carolina – **Dietrich Kilpatrick**
South Carolina – **Evelyn Edmunds**
Puerto Rico – **Héctor Iván Aponte Santiago** (accepted by Joel Vega on the inductee's behalf)
Tennessee – **Danny D. Sells**
Virginia – **Daphne Jamison**

To view photos of the inductees, check out [NACD's Flickr album](#).



Iowa LICA Seeks Executive Director

The Iowa Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA) is seeking an executive director to be based full-time in St. Olaf, Iowa.

The executive director will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for Iowa LICA's members, programs, expansion and execution of its mission.

Read the full job description on [Iowa LICA's webpage](#). Please send resumes and salary requirements to **Lori Keppler** at lorispc@alpinecom.net by **Sept. 7**.

Reserve Your Spot: 2019 Joint NWC/NASCA Conference

Registration is still open to attend the National Watershed Coalition (NWC)/National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) Joint Conservation Conference from **Sept. 29-Oct. 2**, in Lexington, Ky.

The conference will include speakers and presenters who will share information on federal, state and local funding; multiple stream funding



Last week, the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) [announced the opening of the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence.](#)

In 2020, the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence will honor an outstanding producer and an outstanding conservation planner for their dedication to conservation planning and implementation.

To make a nomination, notify your respective NCP State partner leader.

Submit nominations by email to awards@email.nacdnet.org no later than **Oct. 1**. Nominations must be received using [NCP's nomination packet](#) outlining how the producer or individual has met the award criteria.

If you have questions, please contact NCP Coordinator **Stacy Koch** at Stacy.Koch@usda.gov or 570-925-5531.

Nominations for NACD's annual service awards close next week! NACD is still accepting nominees for its annual awards program that recognizes individuals and organizations for their outstanding work and leadership in soil and water conservation. To learn more about the awards and submit your nomination, visit [NACD's Awards webpage](#).



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strategies and management; applied technology for watershed inspection; new benefits data models and management; and the latest from NRCS concerning its current efforts to envision and revitalize the Watershed Program going forward.

To learn more and register, visit [NWC's conference webpage](#).



Apply Today: NCF-NGLI Accepting Applications

The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is seeking applicants for the inaugural cohort of the [Next Generation Leadership Institute \(NGLI\)](#).

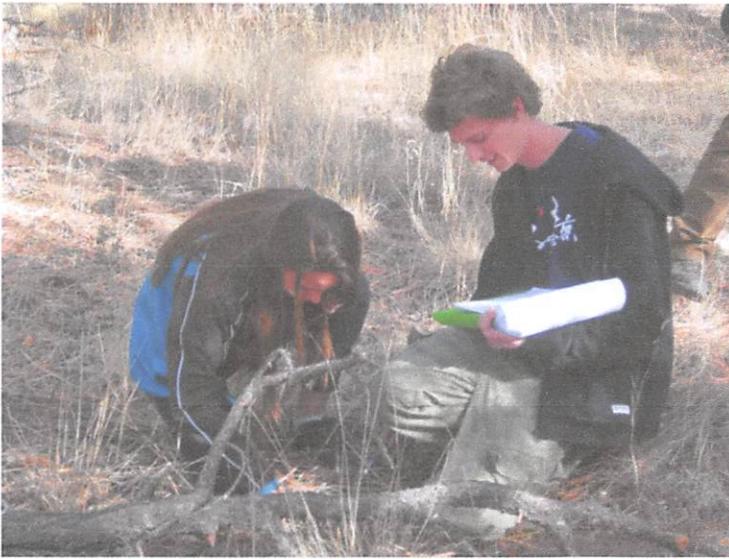
NGLI, a program of the NCF, will train seven applicants over the course of 2020, with one participant selected from each of NACD's regions.

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

Applications are due **Friday, Sept. 20, 2019**. To learn more about the program and apply, visit the [NGLI webpage](#).

Save the Date: New Field to Market Accelerator Program Webinar

On Thursday, Aug. 15, Field to Market announced the launch of its new project framework called the **Continuous Improvement Accelerator**. The Accelerator is designed to harness the power of collaboration across the agricultural value chain to implement locally-led conservation solutions and



As a single-person, part-time office, the **Grant Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** has its work cut out when it comes to implementing on-the-ground projects, so the SWCD is partnering with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to undertake forest restoration in New Mexico.

The timing couldn't be better, as New Mexico's Gila National Forest, which is located in part in Grant County and near the Grant SWCD headquarters in Silver City, has been focusing on restoration efforts to reduce high fuel loads, especially near communities and neighborhoods adjacent to the forest.

"We don't have funding where we can hire a forester or a technician, so it's really important we partner with these outside agencies to help us conduct these projects," Grant SWCD Project Manager **Rebecca Benavidez** said.

"The fires can spread quickly and rapidly, so any time we can do fuels reduction projects it helps the watershed and helps prevent catastrophic fires," **she said**. "We struggle to find funding, so these grants are really important to us."

Grant SWCD was awarded a \$315,000 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) grant from the USFS, which also required a 25 percent or \$80,000 non-federal match. The grant aims to build collaboration and provide treatment to 237 acres of ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper on the wilderness district of Gila National Forest in southwest New Mexico.

The project takes place in Gattons Park's wildland-urban interface along the edge of a residential area. Objectives include reducing fire risk, harvesting and utilizing small-diameter wood, restoring forest structure, and improving wildlife habitat. Now in its second year, 116 acres have been treated to date, Benavidez said.

"I'm thrilled with what we've been able to accomplish," USFS Gila National Forest Partnership Coordinator **Julia Faith Rivera** said. "We're getting quality work done on the ground and building stronger relationships, not just for this project but for future collaboration efforts as well."

TNC initially applied for and received a CFRP grant for planning the project. In 2018, the Grant SWCD was awarded the implementation grant. TNC assisted with completion of the archaeological and environmental analysis in the first CFRP grant and currently continues the project monitoring component in the second CFRP.

deliver sustainable outcomes through member-led continuous improvement projects.

Registration is now open for the three new project pathways within the Accelerator: Incubation, Insight and Innovation, which you can learn more about online.

Field to Market will host a webinar on **Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Eastern**, to provide a more detailed overview of the new Accelerator program, the specific registration and reporting requirements, and how your organization can maximize participation in the three project pathways. Sign up for the webinar here.

NACD Welcomes Friend Angela Ehlers



NACD would like to welcome our new Friend of NACD, **Angela Ehlers** (pictured far left).

Ehlers is the Executive Director for the **South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD)**.

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Hello there RCDs!

The Wildlife Conservation Board has a new Prop 68 solicitation open now - "Pacific Flyway". This grant is designed to "seek to protect, restore or enhance migratory bird habitat, improve migratory bird habitat diversity, quality and connectivity, or improve management and ecological function of migratory bird habitat." Naturally, I think of Carbon Farm Plan implementation.

There are many opportunities for us to jointly collaborate on grants through this program. Requests are to be between \$100,000 and \$10,000,000. Two of the the three eligible project types are "Planning" and "Implementation". CARCD would like to pull together RCDs interested in collaborating on a joint project(s). Currently, the request is *just* for a pre-application, due September 10th. I have attached the pre-application form and notes that go over the highlights and important considerations of this program here. For all those that want to explore this opportunity, we have a couple call dates and times to talk it through. Hope you join us!

Friday August 23rd, 3pm-4pm
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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

California Agricultural Partnership Forum

CARCD has been part of the California Agricultural Partnership Forum working group, which includes the California State Water Resources Control Board, USDA NRCS, and Cal EPA. The group meets with the goal of streamlining permitting and promoting watershed pilot projects focused on enhancing watershed functions. Reducing permitting load is crucial for effective watershed conservation efforts going into the future.

Salmonid Recovery with Department of Fish and Wildlife

CARCD joined the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's working group on North Coast salmonid recovery which includes other non-profit organizations and CDFW staff. The group is working on a new assessment that

incorporates information on local activity such as landowner participation and active conservation organizations.

Advocacy at the Capitol

The next legislative session is approaching, and CARCD and Pacific Policy Group have been preparing for funding and other legislative asks. As CARCD and RCDs have been gaining recognition at the Capitol, we are better positioned to cultivate partnerships and write RCDs into bills to gain new funding opportunities.

Meeting with Wade Crowfoot

Wade Crowfoot, the new Secretary of Natural Resources, met with our Executive Director, Karen Buhr, for the first time to talk about the role of RCDs and the nature of funding for RCDs. Secretary Crowfoot recognizes the value of RCDs and we look forward to working with him to enhance our partnership with the California Natural Resources Agency.

Bechtel Funded Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training

CARCD has been engaged in a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) deep dive training funded by the Bechtel foundation. Participants are environmental leaders from across the state. Karen Buhr completed three trainings of 3-5 days and presented the core lessons to the CARCD board. Along with CARCD, Peter Braudrick of the Mendocino RCD and Sheryl Landrum from the RCD of Greater San Diego also participated.

SB 253 Testimony and Hearings

SB 253, the bill to create the Environmental Farming Incentive Program, is co-sponsored by CARCD and The Nature Conservancy. We have been working to finalize language in an amendment to explicitly include RCDs as the primary technical service providers. It still needs to get through appropriations, and needs the governor's signature, but at this point is very promising.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

We have been building our ongoing partnership with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. In July, we met with their executive officer, Angela Avery, to see how RCDs and SNC can better partner together. The Conservancy is an important source of funding and support for RCDs, and we actively maintain the relationship.

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 and board members from across the state representing a diversity of regions and capacities. The RCD Division 9 committee had a group phone call in July to bring together findings and suggestions from three sub-committees.

Xerces Society Collaboration

The Xerces Society and CARCD have been in conversation about how we can collaborate on monarch restoration projects. The most recent conversation was about partnering around the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund proposal that CARCD submitted on behalf of RCDs.

Durable Collaborations

Over the past few years, CARCD has secured state and private funding to support six RCD durable collaboration explorations throughout the state. With the guidance of CARCD and Solid Ground Consulting, the North Coast cohort has been working together since 2016 to outline their goals and create a clear path forward to achieve their objective of being able to contract as region with state and federal funding partners. In July, CARCD staff co-facilitated a call with the North Coast durable collaboration cohort.

Healthy Soils at the Governors Office

Multiple NGO groups including CARCD are working with administration at the Governor's Office to talk about needs and goals for California to achieve carbon neutrality. We are excited to enhance RCD's visibility as crucial partners to help the state enact healthy soils and carbon neutrality programs.

Landscape Stewardship Network

CARCD has been maintaining and strengthening its partnership with the Landscape Stewardship Network and met with its executive director, Sharon Farrell, to discuss how to better partner with each other.

California Farm Demonstration Network

In May of 2017, CARCD, NRCS, CA Farm Bureau Federation, CDFA, UC Davis, and the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources 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 July, 40 partners participated in a meeting to discuss tangible next steps of building the network.

Racial Equity Webinar

As part of an effort to educate ourselves on diversity and equity, one of our staff attended a webinar on "Measuring Racial Equity in the Food System". The webinar looked at research-based findings on inequity in the food system, which will help inform CARCD on how we can be a part of increasing equity in our communities.

Public Comment at CDFA Meeting

CARCD staff attended the CDFA's Environmental Farming Act Science Advisory Panel meeting and provided comment on their Climate Smart Agriculture Program. This is an important source of funding for RCDs, and we brought up concerns voiced by RCDs which we had collected earlier.

Comment Letter to State Coastal Conservancy

On behalf of RCD interests, CARCD submitted a comment letter to the State Coastal Conservancy about their Prop 68 SF Bay Climate Funds. We hope the comments will make the program more accessible and effective for RCDs.

Collaboration Meeting

CARCD is partnering more closely with the core partners in the carbon and agricultural space. California Climate and Agriculture Network, Carbon Cycle Institute, American Farmland Trust, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, and CARCD are now meeting on a regular basis to align on critical shared goals and had its third meeting in July.



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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

Soil Health Terrace

Join CARCD, NRCS, and the East Stanislaus RCD at the Soil Health Terrace for a free day of technical trainings, facilitation techniques, small group project discussions, and networking with soil health professionals. This full day training will be on Tuesday, November 12 at the McConnell Foundation's Ross Ranch in Redding (11973 Old Oregon Trail). Find more details and link to register [on our website](#).

Website Requirements for Special Districts

A recent change to government code will require all special districts in California to have a website by January 1, 2020. There are still many RCDs that do not yet have a website, and even if yours does it would be a good idea to confirm that it meets all requirements. If you're wondering what needs to be included on a website you can find [a website compliance checklist for special districts at this link](#). Best Best & Krieger also published [a helpful article about the new law](#), including information about a possibility for exemption due to financial hardship.

Recognizing that this new law might pose a burden (financial or otherwise) to some RCDs, CARCD secured funding from a foundation to create a website template in WordPress that our member districts can use as a starting point. This is meant to save RCDs any expense that might be incurred for website design, which can be very costly. The template is scheduled to be ready by September and will include training materials. CARCD staff will also be able to provide some staff support with helping RCDs get their website set up for the first time. The website template will be free for dues paying members, but the RCDs will still need to pay for web hosting through a service provider like GoDaddy. Please [contact Sara Schremmer](#) with any questions.

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. Early bird rates will end on August 31.

[Group rates at the Sheraton](#) start at \$128+tax, inclusive of hotel fees. Rates are available for the nights of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We expect to sell out of our room block, so we highly encourage RCDs to book lodging as soon as possible. Please contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org or 916-836-4804 with any questions.

Conference Day-by-Day:

- Tuesday, November 12: RCD Capacity Day & Soil Health Terrace
- 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.

Funding Opportunities

RCD Collaboration Call for WCB's Prop 68 Pacific Flyway Grant

CARCD will be hosting two calls to discuss possibility for a multi-RCD collaboration proposal on the Wildlife Conservation Board's Proposition 68 [2019 Pacific Flyway Conservation Proposal Solicitation Notice](#). They are seeking project applications which protect, restore or enhance migratory bird habitat, improve migratory bird habitat diversity, quality and connectivity, or improve management and ecological function of migratory bird habitat. All applicants must submit a pre-application by 5pm on September 10. WCB will subsequently invite select applicants to submit full proposals. Find the full announcement [on WCB's website](#). Please reach out to Kristen Murphy at kristen-murphy@carcd.org with any questions or feedback.

- Call (712) 770-4598 with code 617 079
- Friday, August 23 from 3pm to 4pm
- Tuesday, August 27 from 9am to 10am

USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative

The purpose of the USDA's [Specialty Crop Research Initiative Program](#) is to address the critical needs of the specialty crop industry by awarding grants to support research and extension that address key challenges of national, regional, and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of food and agriculture, including conventional and organic food production systems. The closing date is October 15. Funding is primarily for universities and 501c3 non-profits, and does not include special districts. As your 501c3 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.

NFWF Pacific Southwest Fuels Management Strategic Investment Partnership

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is soliciting proposals to plan and implement fuels management projects on National Forest System lands within California. The goal of [the Pacific Southwest Fuels Management Strategic Investments Partnership](#) is to identify and fund fuel management projects that reduce the risk of severe wildfire, protect ecological values of USFS restoration investments, and reduce the risk of damage to public and private improvements near USFS lands. A total of \$1.2 million is available for year four of this program. Full proposals are due September 19.

Advocacy

Inland Empire Match for RCD Advocacy in the Capitol

CARCD contracts with Pacific Policy Group (PPG) to advocate for funding both directly to RCDs; make agency partners aware of RCDs to bring in contracts and make it easier for you to do your work; and solve problems that keep you from being able to do your job. CARCD pays for a large portion of the contract directly out of our budget, but we also need RCDs to contribute in order for our partnership with PPG to be sustainable. Over the course of the next year, PPG is going to do a large push for baseline funding for the RCDs and we need your help! By increasing your RCDs Membership Dues amount or making an additional contribution to CARCD, we are able to free up space in our budget to give more funding to PPG. **The Inland Empire RCD has offered to match \$20,000 of additional funds contributed to CARCD this fiscal year. We have already received over \$10,000, but much we still have almost \$10,000 unmatched. Please consider a donation of any amount and Inland Empire RCD will match it!** [Additional information about the amazing work that PPG does on behalf of RCDs can be found here.](#)

RCD News

CA Fire Safe Council Grant Awardees

[The latest round of CA Fire Safe Council Grant awardees](#) were just announced, and awards were made to four RCDs. Congratulations to Amador RCD, RCD San Diego, Trinity County RCD, and Ventura County RCD!

- Amador RCD: "Amador Community Chipping Program" Awarded Amount: \$190,340 Match Amount: \$207,000
- RCD of Greater San Diego County: " Fuels Reduction & Fire Prevention in San Diego County" Awarded Amount: \$200,000 Match Amount: \$369,500
- Trinity County RCD: "Countywide CWPP Priority Fuel Reduction, Firewise Education and Fire Safe Coordination" Awarded Amount: \$ 178,860 Match Amount: \$185,031
- Ventura County RCD: "Ojai Valley Wildfire Prevention Program II" Awarded Amount: \$ 119,686 Match Amount: \$122,544

RCD Cannabis Sustainability Workshop

The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD, Coastal San Luis RCD and Cachuma RCD will be hosting an informative workshop discussing the latest developments in cannabis licensing, regulations and sustainability efforts. The workshop will take place on August 27, from 1pm to 3pm at the SLO Botanical Gardens (3450 Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo). Registration is not required; this workshop is free to attend. The RCDs will speak about their services and give an overview of the GRASS-C third party verification program, along with presentations by the SLO County Planning Department and California Growers Association.

Yolo County WMA Meeting

After a ten-year hiatus, the Yolo County Weed Management Area (YCWMA) has been revived! They will be meeting on September 18, from 10am to noon at Norton Hall (70 Cottonwood St., Woodland) to give updates on the YCWMA and what it can do for land managers. There will be several talks on weed control as well as a presentation by staff from the Yolo County Department of Agriculture. The Department of Pesticide Regulation has approved 1.5 Continuing Education hours: .5 hours of Laws and Regulations, 1 hour of "other." The group is led by the Yolo County RCD and the Yolo County Department of Agriculture. For more information contact Tanya Meyer at meyer@yolorcd.org or (530) 661-1688 ext 20.

East Stanislaus RCD Cover Crop Workshop

East Stanislaus RCD will be hosting a cover crop workshop on Thursday, September 5 from 9:30am to 12pm at the Lockeford Plant Materials Center (21001 N. Elliott Rd., Lockeford, CA 95237). Experts from the Plant Materials Center, Kamprath Seed Company, Bowles Farms, and Project Apis m. will speak on the science behind cover cropping and how to implement it. All are welcome. No registration is required, but an email RSVP is appreciated. Contact shawn.vue@ca.usda.gov 209-867-3110 for more information.

Contra Costa RCD's Save Earth. Drink Beer.

Join the Contra Costa RCD for an Environmental Hoppy Hour on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Creek Monkey Tap House. Creek Monkey will be donating a portion of their proceeds from the evening to the Contra Costa RCD in support of the CCRCD's efforts to facilitate conservation of the natural resources in Contra Costa County. What is an Environmental Hoppy Hour? - Conferences and meetings are great, but the RCD wants to make sharing information and getting to know other environmentalist in Contra Costa easier. Environmental Hoppy Hour is a time where folks can causally come together, mix and mingle without pressure, play games, share ideas, and drink beer.

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 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

Next Generation Leadership Institute

The National Conservation Foundation recently announced [the Next Generation Leadership Institute](#). The leadership development program will select one individual from each National Association of Conservation District region to participate in the inaugural year of conservation training, workshops, and networking opportunities; see additional details in [the overview sheet](#) and online on [the program page](#). Candidates may apply online until September 20.

Excellence in Conservation Planning Awards Now Open

The [Excellence in Conservation Planning Awards are now open!](#) The three awards go to distinguish California NRCS and RCD employees and contractors who have exemplified outstanding service to landowners with conservation planning assistance. All California NRCS and RCD employees and contractors who perform conservation planning assistance are eligible. Nomination packets should be submitted to Hue.Dang@usda.gov, State Conservation Planning Leader, and Steve.Hill@usda.gov, Awards Committee Chair, by no later than by Friday, August 23. Recipients will be recognized at the CARCD Annual Conference. All the materials are linked below, and can also be found [on CARCD's website](#).

- [Planner of the Year nomination packet](#)
- [Innovation Award nomination packet](#)
- [Outstanding Team or Partnership nomination packet](#)

Promotional Video for CDFA's AMMP

[CDFA has created a promotional video](#) for the [Alternative Manure Management Program](#). The program provides financial assistance for the implementation of non-digester manure management practices that will achieve reduced greenhouse gas emissions in California.

CSU Chico Soil Health Academy

[CSU Chico's Soil Health Academy](#) will take place from Tuesday Dec. 3, through Thursday, December 5 at the Chico University Farm, (311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane Chico, CA 95928). This course will examine all aspects of regenerative farming and ranching, soil health, plant health, and animal health. Hands-on experience will be heavily emphasized. Participants will work in teams to solve real-world grazing problems and sharpen their skills. The \$1275 registration fee includes all classes, digital course materials, and lunch each day.

Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence

Nominations are open for [the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence](#). This is an opportunity to recognize an outstanding producer or conservation planner for their accomplishments. The deadline is October 1.

Range Management Advisory Committee Workshop

The Range Management Advisory Committee will be hosting a workshop on September 16 to address sustainable vegetation management and the use of grazing as a fuels reduction tool to help prevent catastrophic wildfires. This workshop will be hosted in the Natural Resources Building Auditorium in Sacramento and will also be available via live webinar for remote attendees. See [the agenda here](#); [the flier is linked here](#).

Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards

Since 2001, the California Air Resources Board has annually bestowed the distinguished [Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards](#). The program awards individuals who have made significant career accomplishments in one of these air quality categories: research; environmental policy; science and technology; climate change science and mitigation; and public education and community service.

PastureMap Workshop

UC Merced and the Ryals Agroecology Lab will be [hosting a short workshop and networking lunch](#) in collaboration with PastureMap and Point Blue Conservation Science. The event will be on October 9, from 10am to 2pm in Crescent Arch room in the Half Dome at UC Merced. Used in the field to plan cattle grazing, PastureMap can indicate how grazing management decisions impact long term soil health, allowing ranchers and farmers to adjust accordingly. The workshop will cover:

- Introduction to the PastureMap and Point Blue technology platform
- Feedback from farmers and ranchers who have used the platform
- Participation in small group interactive demos with real data
- Discussion on how to increase farmer equity and access to technology for climate resilience

Natural Resources Agency Secretary Speaker Series

The California Natural Resources Agency's [Secretary Speaker Series](#) will be held on Thursday, September 5 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium. The event will feature discussions

on California's Biodiversity Challenges. The event will also be live streamed on [the Department of Water Resource's YouTube page](#).

Job Announcements

Shasta Valley RCD Seeking Bookkeeper and Office Manager

[Shasta Valley RCD's Bookkeeper and Office Manager position](#) is an opportunity for someone with a solid background in accounting, who enjoys financial analysis, and wants to work for a mission driven organization. Reporting to the Finance Manager and working closely with the District Administrator, but under limited supervision, the Bookkeeper and Office Manager is responsible for the accounts receivable and accounts payable functions, will prepare payroll, and submit financial reports to the Board monthly. This position also assists the District Administrator and other staff with basic office operations, human resources matters, ordering supplies and equipment, preparing and disseminating a quarterly newsletter, and maintaining social media. Position will remain open until filled.

Butte County RCD Seeking NEPA-CEQA Coordinator

The Butte County RCD is looking for [a dynamic individual with CEQA and/or NEPA experience](#) and great communication skills to join their team. The applicant should enjoy varied work environments (including both office and field work), especially the opportunity to work on CEQA permitting for natural resources projects like prescribed burns, forest health treatments, parks and recreation plans, trail construction, and even dam removals. They should be able to work independently as well as contribute to a team, and should have a passion for project development, public engagement, and collaboration. The incumbent will be responsible for producing clear, effective CEQA and NEPA documents that fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the statutes. Some training will be provided. Over time, the incumbent will gain significant responsibility for overseeing several CEQA or NEPA grants and contracts. The ability to track multiple projects at once is key.



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August 27, 2019



New Local Infrastructure Funding Measure Needs 10 Votes

With three weeks remaining in the first year of the 2019-2020 Legislative Session, legislation to provide special districts and other local agencies with a new mechanism for infrastructure funding needs 10 more "Aye" votes to clear the State Assembly. Last week, Assembly Member Cecelia Aguiar-Curry received reconsideration on her ACA 1 after the measure received 44 votes in the 80-member State Assembly... [READ MORE](#)



Board Secretary/Clerk Conference Opening Keynote Sandy Geroux

Register for this year's Board Secretary/Clerk Conference November 12-14 in Monterey! Don't miss the opening keynote speaker Sandy Geroux who will provide realistic techniques for setting priorities, tips on managing time so that the unexpected doesn't control you, and ideas for boosting your ability to focus and reduce distractions. For the schedule and to register, visit the conference website!

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LAST CALL FOR NACD AWARD NOMINATIONS

August 27, 2019



The deadline to submit nominations for NACD's national conservation awards is this **Saturday, Aug. 31**. It's not too late to nominate your conservation leaders for an award!

NACD's national service awards annually recognize conservation leaders for their work and dedication. Consider nominating someone you know for one of 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.

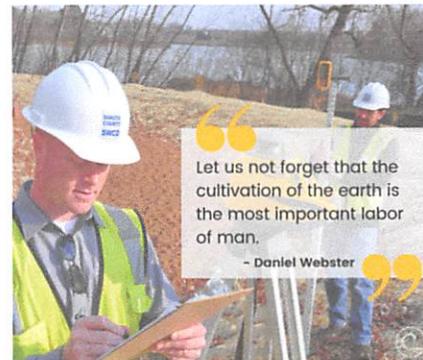
The award recipients will be honored at the 2020 NACD Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., this coming February, and will receive a complimentary meeting registration for the 2020 NACD Annual Meeting, a complimentary Appreciation Banquet ticket, a plaque and national recognition online and in NACD's publications.

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 Awards webpage](#).

IOWA DISTRICTS GATHER FOR ANNUAL MEETING

NACD Office Closed for Labor Day



NACD's office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in recognition of Labor Day.

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

NACD Hosts Fourth Listening Session

At the end of the **Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI)** meeting, NACD held the North Central Region Listening Session. This session is one of six scheduled across the country to offer an opportunity for NACD leadership to connect with members.

NACD President Tim Palmer,
Executive Board North Central

The **Conservation Districts of Iowa** (CDI) held its annual meeting in Ames, Iowa, from Aug. 19 – 20, where district officials, employees, commissioners and conservation partners gathered to discuss current issues, programs and policy, as well as elect their new state leadership.

The conference theme, “**Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper,**” was carried throughout the program with panel discussions from conservation partners and state leadership, breakout sessions and networking with a variety of exhibitors from the conservation industry, as well as partnering organizations and agencies.

NACD North Central Region Representative **Beth Mason** led a breakout session, “NACD Soil Health Champions Network: Advancing Soil Health,” which introduced the network to a broad audience of Iowa conservationists and showcased three operations managed by Soil Health Champions in Iowa – **Dennis Carney** of Mason City, **Don Elsbernd** of Postville and **Jack Boyer** of Reinbeck.

Each Champion shared how his operation has incorporated and prioritized soil health and some of the lessons learned over the years.

MARYLAND DISTRICT DEMONSTRATES PLANTING GREEN

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, Delaware's **Sussex Conservation District** held its annual Soil Health Field Day. This year, the theme was “Planting Green.”



Hosted at NACD Soil Health

Champion **Chip Baker's** farm, approximately 100 people gathered to learn about how to manage fields to boost organic matter and weed suppression.

The day began with a short presentation from **Chris Brosch**, the Nutrient Management Plan Program Administrator for the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

Brosch discussed three parts of Delaware's upcoming version of the Nutrient Management Plan – increasing conservation tillage to 90 percent, more than doubling cover crop acres, and enhancing nutrient management.

Speaking about cover crops, **he said**, “Not only are they good for improving the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, but they also give farmers a great return on investment.”

Read the rest of the blog on [NACD's blog page](#).

BARKER RANCH HOSTS

Region Representative **Alex Schmidt**, North Central Region Chair **Kris Swartz**, Director of Development **Laura Demmel** and North Central Region Representative **Beth Mason** were all present to share updates on NACD's activities and services, as well as answer questions from local leaders in Iowa.

The Northeast Region will host a listening session on Oct. 23 in Flatwoods, W.V., with tentative plans for additional listening sessions in the Pacific. Learn more on [NACD's Listening Sessions webpage](#).

Apply Today: NCF-NGLI Accepting Applications



The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is seeking applicants for its inaugural cohort of the [Next Generation Leadership Institute](#) (NGLI).

NGLI, a program of the NCF, will train seven applicants over the course of 2020, with one participant selected from each of NACD's regions.

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

Applications are due **Friday, Sept. 20, 2019**. To learn more about the program and apply, visit the [NGLI webpage](#).

MACD Holds Summer Meeting

Last week, the **Maine Association of Conservation Districts** (MACD) held its summer meeting, hosted by the

FARM BILL LISTENING SESSION



As part of efforts to bring together several key players in the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill and in conjunction with NACD's push for grassroots engagement over the August Congressional recess, **NACD First Vice President Michael Crowder** hosted a Farm Bill Listening Session at Barker Ranch on Aug. 21, 2019.

The event featured a panel of policymakers and USDA agency representatives, followed by a question and answer session for attendees to learn more about USDA activities and implementation of the farm bill.

Panel speakers included (pictured above from left to right):

- **Jon Wyss:** Washington Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Director
- **Roylene Comes at Night:** Washington NRCS State Conservationist
- **Kevin Norton:** NRCS Associate Chief
- **Derek Sandison:** Washington State Department of Agriculture Director
- **Dan Newhouse:** U.S. Congressman – Washington 4th District
- **Judy Warnick:** Washington State Senator 13th District (not pictured)

As second in the nation in number of crops produced, Washington State's diverse agricultural and forestry industries enable multiple partners to meet the needs of producers. The panel members highlighted these successful partnerships, while also discussing the benefits of the new farm bill.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Associate Chief **Kevin Norton** stressed that a reduction in paperwork will ensure conservation is on the ground faster and Washington NRCS State Conservationist **Roylene Comes at Night** noted the value of NRCS' local working groups.

The question and answer session allowed attendees to learn more about the changes in the farm bill and USDA programs, including USDA staffing strategies, provisions in the farm bill related to drought and water conservation, and modifications to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Norton also discussed the number of farm bill programs available to beginning farmers and ranchers and other underserved groups. NACD Board Member **Doug Rushton** was also present at the event and stated the panel members brought a lot of

Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

NACD's Northeast Region Representative **Eric Hansen** presented an overview of NACD's programs. Attendees also heard from the Maine state champion Envirothon team from **Spruce Mountain High School** in Jay, Maine.

The Spruce Mountain team recently returned from the international NCF-Envirothon and presented a report on the competition.

In conjunction with the summer meeting, the **Cumberland County SWCD** recently purchased its office building and hosted a celebratory open house.

NACD Welcomes Friend Chessa Frahm



NACD would like to welcome our new Friend of NACD, **Chessa Frahm** (pictured second from left).

Frahm is the district manager for the **Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** in Minnesota.

Interested in becoming a Friend of NACD? Learn more on [NACD's website](#).

Conservation Leaders Gather in Atlanta for KFAF Meeting



energy and positive support for the farm bill and the state of Washington.

LEADERS GATHER IN IOWA FOR CONSERVATION TOUR

The Conservation Technology and Information Center (CTIC) Conservation in Action Tour was held in central Iowa, Aug. 20 – 21, which brought together industry leaders alongside conservation partners from nonprofit organizations and government agencies to explore conservation efforts in Iowa.

Much of the tour centered around Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy and edge-of-field conservation systems such as bioreactors and saturated buffers.

One of the tour stops was in Nevada, Iowa, at the Couser Cattle Company, an operation that continues to experiment with conservation practices on both the cattle operation and its crop side of the business. As a vehicle for community outreach, the Cousers are developing a 220-acre AGvocacy Learning Farm, which will be a site for research and demonstration trials.

The tour also included a visit to the Iowa Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA) Farm in Melbourne, Iowa. This 80-acre farm was purchased by LICA in 2003 as a demonstration farm, providing association members a place to construct a wide range of conservation systems, which help farmers trap nutrients from flowing off-site.

NACD **President** and CTIC board member **Tim Palmer** served as co-chair for the tour where Iowa is his home state. Additionally, NACD Director of Development **Laura Demmel**, North Central Region Representative **Beth Mason** and many conservation district employees and commissioners throughout Iowa were in attendance.

The event provided all attendees both valuable demonstrations of conservation practices at work, as well as valuable networking time with conservation leaders from across the country.

SEPTEMBER U&C WEBINAR FOCUSES ON ENGAGING GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The next NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation webinar, scheduled for **12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Eastern on Sept. 19, 2019**, will focus on engaging government support for farmland preservation funding programs.

The Idaho Conservation Commission and the American Farmland Trust will share how they are working to create a funding program to purchase easements and land to conserve working farms in Idaho. Working closely with conservation districts, land trusts and

More than 25 forestry and conservation leaders from southern states met in Atlanta, Ga., last week for the Keeping Forests as Forests (KFAF) meeting. NACD was represented by Executive Board Southeast Region Representative and Forestry Resource Policy Group (RPG) member **Gary Blair** (pictured) of Mississippi.

KFAF was created as a broad regional initiative with a focus on maintaining the long-term economic and ecological viability of southern forests.

The group's goal is to maintain timberland acres with no net loss to urban sprawl and development. To learn more, visit [KFAF's website](#).

USFS Seeks Applicants for 2020 Community Forest Program

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is seeking applications for the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program or CFP).

The purpose of the program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits including clean air, water and wildlife habitat; benefits from forest-based educational programs; benefits from serving as models of effective forest stewardship; and recreational benefits secured with public access.

Interested applicants must forward applications to the appropriate regional office or International Institute of Tropical Forestry by **Feb. 6, 2020**.

To learn more, visit the [Federal Register's webpage](#).

others, the Commission is working to educate elected officials about the value of protecting farm lands and the impacts of their decisions on farm properties. Various outreach techniques that are being used will be discussed, including one-on-one meetings, partner meetings, farm tours, soil symposia, field days and outreach.

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 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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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FREE Non-Supervisory Sexual Harassment Training on September 10

Partner Joseph Sanchez of Best Best & Krieger LLP is offering a [sexual harassment avoidance training](#) via live webinar, which satisfies SB 1343 one-hour training requirement for non-supervisory employees. The webinar is interactive, allowing attendees to ask questions.

What Will Be Covered

- What constitutes sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace
- How to recognize and avoid harassment
- What procedures to follow if you witness harassment or are harassed yourself
- The potential consequences - including personal liability - of harassment

Many on-demand webinar titles are also free to SDRMA members including 2019 Annual Employment Law Update, Beyond the Basics: Advanced Harassment Prevention Training, Brown Act: Principles, Traps, and Avoiding Violation, California Tort Claims Requirements and many more. Use the code **SDRMAFREE19** at checkout.

[Register for On-Demand Webinars](#)

SDRMA at the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase

SDRMA looks forward to seeing you at the [2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase](#) in Anaheim, September 25 – 28, 2019. Look for us at these events:

- "The Power of Pooling for Health Benefits" Bonus Session on Wednesday, September 25 from 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.
- In the Exhibitor Showcase on Wednesday and Thursday.
- SDRMA sponsored plated breakfast on Friday, September 27 from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. followed by SDRMA general session, keynote, and safety awards from 8:30 – 10:45 a.m.
- SDRMA breakout sessions: "Whistle While You Work" and "It's a Jungle Out There: Public Entities are Being Attacked in All Directions. It's a Cruise not a Journey"

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Dear Colleagues,

We are thrilled to announce that the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) voted to fund the CARCD block grant application for the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program. The grant was awarded the maximum amount of \$750,000 for CARCD to administer block grants to fund individual RCD projects to implement habitat restoration, overwintering site enhancement, and provide education and outreach to local communities.

This is a huge step in expanding the great work that the RCDs are doing to support pollinators in California. We are grateful to the RCD staff who provided expertise and advice on the full application and shared pictures of past pollinator projects.

As our first step in implementing the program, CARCD will convene a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of NRCS, the Xerces Society, Environmental Defense Fund, and others to map out where implementation and technical assistance projects will have the greatest positive impact on the migrating monarch populations. Please know that we will do our best to fund as many RCD projects as possible under this block grant program, but the final decisions about sub-contracts will be up to the WCB Program Manager.

We will follow up as soon as possible with additional information and next steps as we prepare to roll out the block grant program. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sara Schremmer at sara-schremmer@carcd.org.

Thank you,

Karen Buhr
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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

New RCD Staff Listserv

A number of District Managers from across the state have asked CARCD to set up a new listserv for RCD staff to use for information and resource sharing, asking questions of your colleagues, and so on. We are happy to oblige! To use the listserv, please address your e-mail to Staff_Listserv@carcd.memberclicks.net and it will be received by nearly 400 RCD staff (including District Managers and Executive Directors) statewide. Replies will be received by the entire listserv. If you need assistance being added to the listserv please contact Sara Schremmer at sara-schremmer@carcd.org.

Investing in Individual Campaigns

Through the hard work of RCD staff and generous backing of the Bechtel Foundation, CARCD is able to continue supporting RCD fundraising efforts in 2020 and beyond. Costly resources such as consultation, online donor management, and giving tools are available to your RCD for free or at a low cost. The renewal of the Classy platform for the next three years will ensure that your RCD can offer its donors continuity in a first-rate online donation acceptance system, perfect for a host of online fundraising activities including: donation pages, crowdfunding, peer-to-peer campaigns, registration for a fundraising event and event ticketing. If you haven't started thinking about your end-of-year fundraising campaign, now is the time! If you need help getting started, [contact Monika Whitfield](#) at CARCD today.

Soil Health Terrace

Join CARCD, NRCS, and the East Stanislaus RCD at the Soil Health Terrace for a free day of technical trainings, facilitation techniques, small group project discussions, and networking with soil health professionals. This full day training will be on Tuesday, November 12 at the McConnell Foundation's Ross Ranch in Redding (11973 Old Oregon Trail). Find more details and link to register [on our website](#).

Website Requirements for Special Districts

A recent change to government code will require all special districts in California to have a website by January 1, 2020. There are still many RCDs that do not yet have a website, and even if yours does it would be a good idea to confirm that it meets all requirements. If you're wondering what needs to be included on a website you can find [a website compliance checklist for special districts at this link](#). Best Best & Krieger also published [a helpful article about the new law](#), including information about a possibility for exemption due to financial hardship.

Recognizing that this new law might pose a burden (financial or otherwise) to some RCDs, CARCD secured funding from a foundation to create a website template in WordPress that our member districts can use as a starting point. This is meant to save RCDs any expense that might be incurred for website design, which can be very costly. The template is scheduled to be ready by September and will include training materials. CARCD staff will also be able to provide some staff support with helping RCDs get their website set up for the first time. The website template will be free for dues paying members, but the RCDs will still need to pay for web hosting through a service provider like GoDaddy. Please [contact Sara Schremmer](#) with any questions.

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. Early bird rates will end on August 31.

[Group rates at the Sheraton](#) start at \$128+tax, inclusive of hotel fees. Rates are available for the nights of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We expect to sell out of our room block, so we highly encourage RCDs to book lodging as soon as possible. Please contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org or 916-836-4804 with any questions.

Conference Day-by-Day:

- Tuesday, November 12: RCD Capacity Day & Soil Health Terrace
- 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.

Funding Opportunities

WCB Block Grant Announcement

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Sierra Nevada Conservancy Publishes Monthly List of Grants

Please take a look at [Sierra Nevada Conservancy's extensive list of open grants](#) which covers soil health, 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.

NFWF Pacific Southwest Fuels Management Strategic Investment Partnership

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is soliciting proposals to plan and implement fuels management projects on National Forest System lands within California. The goal of [the Pacific Southwest Fuels Management Strategic Investments Partnership](#) is to identify and fund fuel management projects that reduce the risk of severe wildfire, protect ecological values of USFS restoration investments, and reduce the risk of damage to public and private improvements near USFS lands. A total of \$1.2 million is available for year four of this program. Full proposals are due September 19.

Advocacy

Inland Empire Match for RCD Advocacy in the Capitol

CARCD contracts with Pacific Policy Group (PPG) to advocate for funding both directly to RCDs; make agency partners aware of RCDs to bring in contracts and make it easier for you to do your work; and solve problems that keep you from being able to do your job. CARCD pays for a large portion of the contract directly out of our budget, but we also need RCDs to contribute in order for our partnership with PPG to be sustainable. Over the course of the next year, PPG is going to do a large push for baseline funding for the RCDs and we need your help! By increasing your RCDs Membership Dues amount or making an additional contribution to CARCD, we are able to free up space in our budget to give more funding to PPG. **The Inland Empire RCD has offered to match \$20,000 of additional funds contributed to CARCD this fiscal year. We have already received over \$10,000, but we still have almost \$10,000 unmatched. Please consider a contribution of any amount and Inland Empire RCD will match it!** [Additional information about the amazing work that PPG does on behalf of RCDs can be found here.](#)

RCD News

NACD Spotlight on RCD of Greater San Diego County

The National Association of Conservation Districts' story, "[RCD of Greater San Diego County Leads Collaborative Approach to Battling Wildfire](#)" highlighted an award of \$1.425 million from the Department of Conservation to the RCD. The funding will be directed toward the RCD/Fire Safe Council of San Diego County through the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program and will be used in part to develop a regional fire priority plan, project demonstration and regional outreach and education.

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 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

Climate Smart Ag Funding FAQ Updated

The Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation has posted an update to the Climate Smart Agriculture Technical Assistance Funding [Frequently Asked Questions](#). More information on the program [can be found here](#). Applications are due by 5pm on August 30.

River Hero Nominations

Each year, up to five individuals are [selected as River Heroes](#) and are honored and celebrated at River Rally. Awardees are recognized for their significant and extraordinary work related to river conservation and/or water advocacy. Submit nomination materials [through the online nomination form](#) before Tuesday, October 1. Nominations must include background information, contextual information, accomplishments, and award qualifications of the individual being nominated, along with three letters of support from members of the community.

NorCal Water Leaders Program

The Northern California Water Association Board of Directors is preparing for their next [NorCal Water Leaders Program](#) in 2020 and are calling for nominations for leaders, due by November 1. The program's objective is to inspire and cultivate the next generation of water leaders in the Sacramento Valley. The NorCal Water Leaders Program will be a seven-month program with half-day seminars at various locations throughout the Valley that each focus on important water issues affecting Northern California water rights, supplies and water quality. The first seminar will be in January 2020 and the program will meet monthly through July 2020.

Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook Workgroup Meeting

As part of implementing the 2018 water conservation legislation (Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will hold the second meeting of the "Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook Workgroup" (AWMP) in-person and via webinar on Monday, September 23 from 1:30pm to 3:30 pm. Membership to the workgroup is informal and open to all interested parties. DWR will present its draft AWMP Guidebook for the 2020 Plan cycle. The meeting will be held at Bonderson Building, Creekside Conference Room 221 (via 213B), 901 P Street, Sacramento, CA, 95914. [See the announcement for webinar details.](#)

Coastal Commission Youth Video Challenge

The Coastal Commission is launching a new challenge for middle and high school students this school year, [inviting them to create short videos](#) in response to the question, "How do we come together for the climate?" Students can enter independently or under the guidance of a teacher, on their own or in teams of up to five film makers. The deadline to submit entries is March 31. Contact Annie Frankel with any questions at Annie@Coastal.ca.gov.

Soil Health Tech Climate Resilience Workshop

UC Merced, PastureMap and Point Blue Conservation Science are inviting interested partners to a [Soil Health Tech for Climate Resilience Workshop](#) this fall. A major goal of this workshop is to increase Central Valley farmer equity and access to climate resilient technology. The event includes a short workshop and networking lunch on October 9, from 10am to 2pm in Crescent Arch room in the Half Dome at UC Merced. This workshop is hosted by UC Merced and the Ryals Agroecology Lab, in collaboration with PastureMap and Point Blue Conservation Science.

Urban Flood Protection Grant Program Draft Guidelines

The California Natural Resources Agency has released its Urban Flood Protection grant program draft guidelines for public comment. The Urban Flood protection grant program, funded by Proposition 68, will fund multi-benefit projects in urbanized areas to address flooding. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. This program emphasizes and gives priority to projects that serve the State's severely disadvantaged communities. The public comment period begins August 27 and ends October 14. Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to bondsandgrant@resources.ca.gov or by mail to Urban Flood Protection Grant Program, California Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814. [Public hearings](#) will take place in Los Angeles, Madera, Sacramento, and by webcast in late September and early October.

Job Announcements

Napa County RCD Seeking Part-time Education Program Assistant

The Napa County RCD is seeking a talented and enthusiastic [Education Program Assistant](#) to support environmental education as well as volunteer and outreach programs in Napa County. The assistant will work directly with K-12 youth, adult volunteers, and RCD staff to implement education and volunteer projects focused on stormwater pollution prevention, oak woodland restoration, climate science, local fisheries, and other related topics. The assistant will foster and maintain positive working relationships with partners and volunteers in the community and serve as a professional and positive role model for youth. The assistant will report to the Program Director and will work closely with other RCD staff. The first screening will take place on September 9.

Humboldt County RCD Hiring for Forest Health Watershed Coordinator

The Humboldt County RCD's [Forest Health Watershed Coordinator's](#) will work to expand and improve forest management to enhance forest health and resilience in the 13 watersheds, by focusing on developing projects and opportunities that increase the rate of carbon sequestration in forests and watersheds, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and improving watershed health and resilience in the region. Two years of funding is available through the Department of Conservation Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Program to support the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator position. The first round of applications is due September 4. If the position is unfilled, a second round of applications is due September 20.



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Subject **Capacity Building Resources Available: Assessment Response Requested**

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Greetings,

The Watershed Research and Training Center, Oregon State University, and the California Fire Safe Council kindly request your participation in an online needs assessment. We are seeking to understand the current capacity, needs, and future interests of organizations, collaboratives, or tribes that participate (or would like to participate) in forest and/or fire-related vegetation management in any part of California. This will help guide the implementation of the California Natural Resources Agency/ California Department of Conservation's [Regional Forest and Fire Capacity \(RFFC\) Program](#). **Your responses will help us understand what capacities you need and want, and may lead to you receiving future capacity support from a regional or statewide [RFFC block grant recipient](#), or another entity.**

How will we use the results of this assessment?

- To determine where and how to provide organizational and/or technical assistance to increase forest and/or fire management capacity.
- To establish a pool of practitioners to invite to an online platform to connect with one another. This platform will be launched after this assessment report is complete.

Who should take this assessment?

We are seeking responses from organizations, collaboratives, and tribes that either currently work on or want to work on forest and/or fire-related vegetation management (which could include planning, project prioritization, and/or implementation) in any part of California, at a scale larger than an individual neighborhood.

- This includes entities working at the community, landscape, and/or watershed scale, such as (but not limited to): businesses, conservancies, community groups, county governments, Fire Safe Councils, Firewise USA® sites (working at a scale larger than an individual neighborhood), local fire departments/districts, municipalities, nonprofits, Resource Conservation Districts, tribes, collaborative groups, and watershed councils.
- State and federal employees should **not** complete this assessment unless they are doing so on behalf of a collaborative.
- **Only one person per organization, collaborative, or tribe should complete this assessment.** Please communicate with your colleagues before beginning this assessment to ensure that only one person is responding. The title/position of the person responding is not important, but they should have broad knowledge of their entity's forest and/or fire-related work. There is an option to download and print the questions.

[Click here to take the assessment now!](#)

If you have questions about this assessment, please contact Dr. Emily Jane Davis at EmilyJane.Davis@Oregonstate.edu.

If you have questions about the RFFC program, please contact Allison Jolley, RFFC program manager for the Watershed Center, at allison@thewatershedcenter.com.

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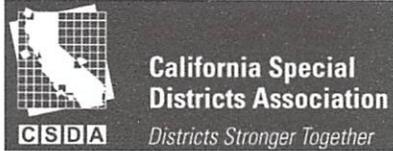
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What Will the Legislature Do in its Last Two Weeks of 2019?

On August 30, the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees met to dispense with 669 bills in total that had been placed on the Appropriations Committees' "Suspense Files." This legislation included new email retention mandates, restrictions on the use of special district property, prohibitions on development impact fees, and more. [READ MORE](#)

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Time is Running Out to Submit Ideas to Change the Law

Do you have an idea to create, improve, or eliminate a law affecting special districts throughout the state? Is your district facing an issue that could potentially be resolved through statewide legislation?

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CalPERS Launches Pension Prefunding Trust Fund

Last month, CalPERS announced the launch of the

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LAST Essential Communications for Every Special District

You do not want to miss the LAST Essential Communications for Every Special District workshop in Santee, CA on **Wednesday, October 30!** Christopher Townsend, Townsend Public Affairs, will cover the essential communications practices for special districts in today's media and political landscapes. He will also cover interviewing with the press, presenting at public events, and developing your story for

California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT). The fund was established with the passage of CSDA sponsored legislation, SB 1413 (Nielsen, 2018), and allows public employers to prefund their future pension costs.

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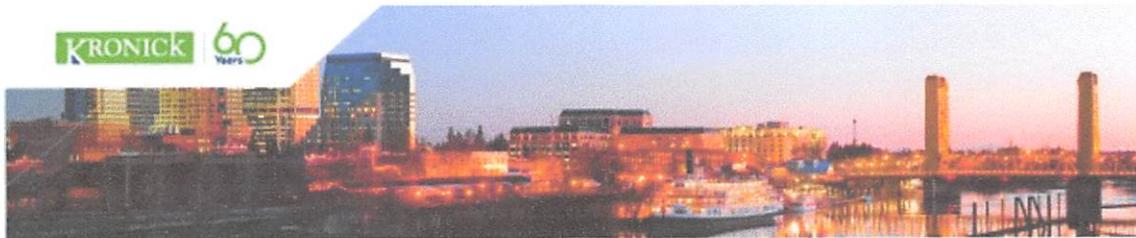
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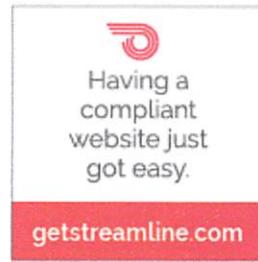
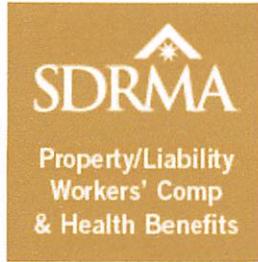
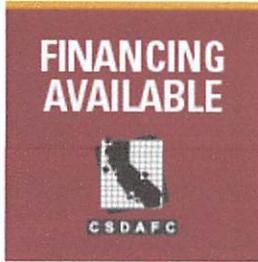
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74TH NACD ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for the National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) 74th Annual Meeting [is now open!](#)

Hosted in partnership with the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NVACD), this year's annual meeting will be held in Las Vegas, Nev., from Feb. 8-12, 2020, at the Bally's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino. This year's meeting theme, "Conservation Innovation: Working from the Roots Up," will explore innovative techniques and how they help deliver conservation on the ground.



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Submit Breakout
Session Proposals**

Friday, Sept. 6, is the last day to submit [applications for breakout sessions](#) for the 2020 NACD Annual Meeting. Session proposals should fit within three themes:

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

If your company or organization would like time at the meeting to present to NACD members about your innovative products or services that support the work of America's conservation districts, please contact NACD Director of Development **Laura Demmel** at laura-demmel@nacdn.net.org.

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@nacdn.net.org.



With support from [Agri Drain](#), NACD will be offering a limited number of first-time NACD annual meeting attendee scholarships, which will allow grant recipients a complimentary full meeting registration and a ticket to Tuesday night's Appreciation Banquet.



In addition, the meeting will offer [seven different excursions and tours](#), including a visit to the Hoover Dam and a Cirque Du Soleil "O" show.

The group hotel room rate is \$159 for single or double rooms, not including taxes or resort fees. To reserve your room, click [here](#), or call 702-967-4111 and say you're with NACD. Reservations must be completed by **Friday, Jan. 17, 2020**.

[Register online](#) and save \$15! Just sign in to your NACD account to complete your registration (click "Forgot Password" to reset your password or check if you have an account).

Visit [NACD's Annual Meeting website](#) to learn more, view the meeting agenda, register and reserve your room.

NACD ATTENDS ACS ANNUAL MEETING

Last week, NACD Chief Executive Officer **Jeremy Peters** and Pacific Region Representative **Ariel Rivers** attended the [American Chemical Society \(ACS\)](#) annual meeting in San Diego, Calif. As a professional society, ACS hosts several annual meetings for society members to meet and discuss trends in research and regulations across [several technical divisions](#).



NRCS Releases Next Round of RCPP Projects

This morning, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) released the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Announcement for Program Funding (APF) for the next round of RCPP projects, with a deadline of **Dec. 3, 2019**.

Conservation districts across the country have been successful participants in RCPP, and we encourage all districts to [view the announcement](#) to see if this program will help address natural resource concerns in your area.

NRCS will hold webinars with more information in the coming weeks. For a breakdown of the changes made to RCPP in the 2018 Farm Bill, please visit [NACD's website](#).

NACD Holds Northeast Region Meeting in Connecticut



Last week, NACD's Northeast Region held its annual region meeting in Mashantucket, Conn., where **NACD President Tim Palmer** and Northeast Region Representative **Eric Hansen** joined leaders from across the region. The meeting took place at the Foxwoods Resort Casino, which is owned by the Mashantucket Pequot tribe, a [2019 NACD Technical Assistance \(TA\) grant recipient](#).

Located along the Long Island Sound, Connecticut provided the perfect opportunity for participants to get out on the water, learn about water quality challenges, and see the work that conservation districts are doing to address these challenges. One of the tours took attendees out on a

Invited by District Manager of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board (BCM CB) **Angela Beehler**, NACD actively participated in the [Agrochemicals Division Meetings](#) (AGRO). Beehler and BCM CB collaborate closely with **NACD First Vice President Michael Crowder** in mosquito management at Barker Ranch, where Crowder serves as the general manager.

Peters and Rivers also presented on NACD and various conservation tools used at Barker Ranch for mitigating mosquitoes and other pests while providing habitat for wildlife.

Many presenters in the AGRO sections discussed conservation as a method for mitigating or offsetting effects of pesticide use and the interactions between the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

Additionally, presenters provided information on water scarcity, including updates on the recent California drought, biostimulants as defined by the 2018 Farm Bill and their potential use in sustainable agriculture, and the economics of integrated pest management.

On Tuesday night, Peters and Rivers represented NACD at an outreach event, where they shared information on members' work across the nation. The meeting served as a productive introduction of NACD to a variety of new and potential partners.

TOPIC CHANGE: SEPTEMBER U&C WEBINAR FOCUSES ON URBAN CONSERVATION

The topic for the NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation webinar, scheduled for **Sept. 19, 2019, from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Eastern**, has been changed. The webinar will now feature two of the NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grant recipients.

In "**Partnerships, Pollinators and Cover Crops in Urban Conservation**," the **Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District** (SWCD) in Ohio will discuss how it tackles partnerships and grant writing with a wide net, using real-life examples and stories.

The **Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District** (CD) in Washington State will feature the Endicott Community Garden initiative, an urban food-producing and demonstration space that also serves as a forum for outreach and technical assistance from the district and collaborating partners.

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, [fill out this online form](#). If you have difficulty, please contact NACD Senior Advisor **Debra Bogar** at 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.

working oyster boat (pictured above) to learn about the region's important aquaculture industry.

On the final day of the meeting, many of the participants stayed for a working session on the Northeast Region Capacity Building Pilot. Last year, [region leaders met in Tarrytown, N.Y.](#), to discuss the Northeast's strengths as a region and brainstorm future projects. This session updated the project list and laid groundwork for progress in the year ahead.

Submit Your Nomination for Hugh Hammond Bennett Award

The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) is seeking nominations for the [2020 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence](#).

The 2020 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence will honor an outstanding producer and an outstanding conservation planner for their dedication to conservation planning and implementation.

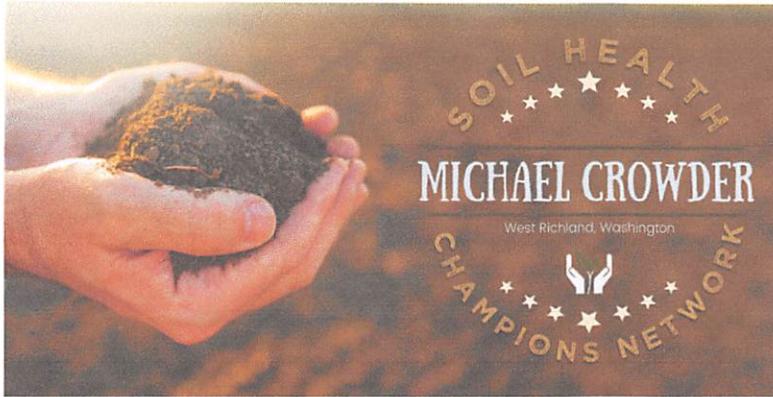
To make a nomination, notify your respective NCP state partner leader.

Submit nominations to awards@email.nacdnet.org no later than **Oct. 1**.

Nominations must be received using [NCP's nomination packet](#), outlining how the producer or individual has met the award criteria.

If you have questions, please contact NCP Coordinator **Stacy Koch** at Stacy.Koch@usda.gov or 570-925-5531.

NACD Thanks Friend Tim Riley



NACD First Vice President Michael Crowder serves as one of the association's Soil Health Champions in Washington State. With his Midwestern roots, Crowder manages farm operations in both Illinois and Washington, and serves as a partner at his third-generation family farm in Indiana.



In 2001, Crowder became general manager of Barker Ranch in West Richland, Wash., and in 2013, he became a full shareholder of the 2,000-acre ranch where he lives with his wife Gretchen.

Barker Ranch is a unique property with the majority of the property enrolled in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easement, which aims to ensure year-round habitat for migratory waterfowl like ducks, geese and sandhill cranes. Barker Ranch incorporates both flash grazing of cattle and no-till practices in wildlife food plots for soil health and vegetative management.

With his ranch receiving an average annual rainfall of six to eight inches, Crowder is constantly monitoring the soil moisture and irrigation to gauge what it needs to produce higher yields and be more efficient with the moisture that exists in non-irrigated acres.

In their conservation efforts to provide habitat for migratory waterfowl, Crowder and his partners on Barker Ranch conduct outreach with many groups, engaging them in various activities on the ranch. As NACD First Vice President, Crowder has been able to take his message of soil health to a national level.

For more information on Michael Crowder and Barker Ranch, please visit [his profile](#) on the NACD website. If you or someone you know would like to become a member of the NACD Soil Health Champions Network, please contact NACD North Central Region Representative **Beth Mason** at beth-mason@nacdnet.org.



NACD would like to thank **Tim Riley** (pictured) for renewing his Friend of NACD membership. Riley has been a Friend of NACD since 2015.

Riley is with the **Kent Conservation District** in Dover, Del., and served as past president with the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA).

Interested in becoming a Friend of NACD? Learn more on [NACD's website](#).

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2019 NACD National Meeting						
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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear Colleagues,

We are announcing the final call for resolutions for the 2019 CARCD Annual Business Meeting, with the deadline extended until this Friday, September 6th.

Submitting resolutions: 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 request using [the 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](#).

We are committed to providing adequate time for all Districts to assure that concerns and ideas are adequately addressed. We are 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



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Subject **River Voices: September – Rivers That Run Wild**
From Amy at River Network <media@rivernetwork.org>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Date 2019-09-04 06:00



Wild and Scenic Rivers grant awards, planning on the Yampa, new webinars, and 20% off membership.

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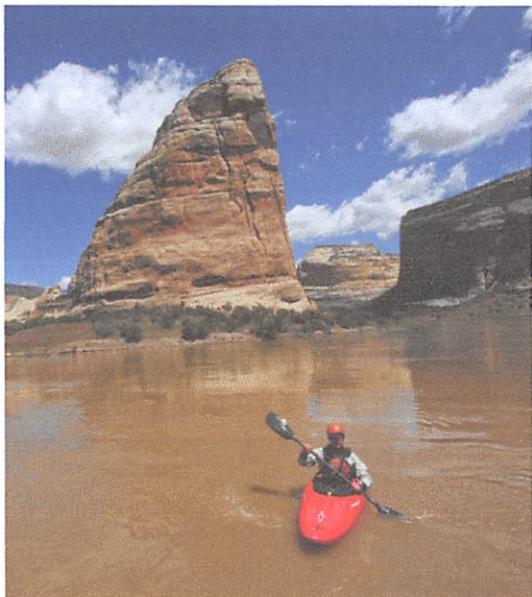
SEPTEMBER 2019 ISSUE



Following on the heels of the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 2018, the **U.S. Forest Service** (USFS) was looking for ways to build on some of the strong collaboration between USFS staff and local groups to engage community members in protecting and restoring their local Wild and Scenic Rivers. As a result, with funding from USFS, River Network was able to

offer Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Partnership project funding for the first time. Seven grant recipients were announced in late August. [Learn more about each of these groups and the projects this funding will support.](#)

Connecting Stakeholders for Inclusive Planning on the Yampa



Colorado's Yampa River is a rare, wild gem, but many factors keeping it healthy also leave it without the advocacy and protection many other rivers enjoy. River Network's Nicole Seltzer has been working to connect local stakeholders to develop an Integrated Water Management Plan on the Yampa and its implementation is underway. [Read about our work with groups in Colorado and the Yampa IWMP.](#)



Meet Our Team

Meet [Sheyda Esnaashari](#), our Great Lakes Drinking Water Program Manager. Sheyda grew up in Minnesota, and being close to



Rally 2020 Call for Proposals

Do you have practical knowledge and experience that will help accelerate the pace of progress

freshwater always makes her feel at home. Based in Chicago, IL, Sheyda joined us in August, continuing to build her career around social justice and the advancement of equitable policies and practices.

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

toward a sustainable and equitable water future? Join us at River Rally 2020 in San Antonio, Texas! River Network is now accepting workshop proposals related to one or more of [this year's workshop themes](#).

[Review the guidelines and submit your workshop proposal before 10/1.](#)

Upcoming Webinars & Events

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

Centering the Community in Resilience Planning

September 12th 1:00–2:30 pm EST.

Community members who are most vulnerable to climate impacts are in the best position to make decisions about how to be better prepared – this webinar provides a framework for raising community voices and provides examples of resiliency plans that benefit the most vulnerable areas in our cities.

Speakers include Corrine Van Hook-Turner and Drew Curtis.

Free webinar. [Register.](#)

Dev. Academy for Communities #1: Redevelopment Process – Intersection of Real Estate and Brownfields

September 13th 1:00–2:30 pm EST.

Ever wonder why some sites sit and some get developed? See how the brownfield redevelopment and real estate development process intersect. Fully participate in the process and understand the key players and critical decision-making steps.

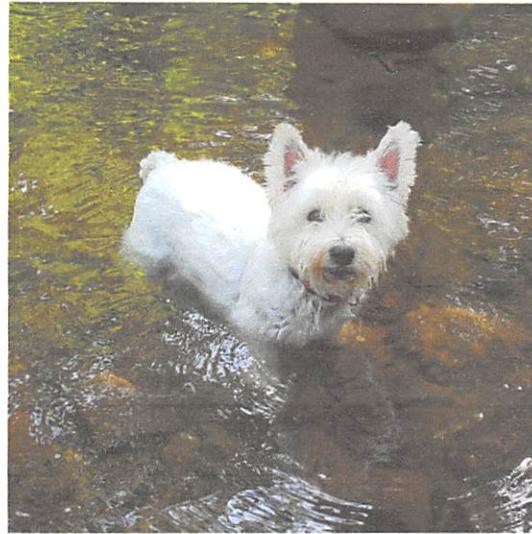
Speakers include Aimee Storm, Michael Taylor, and Abbie Emison.

Free [EPA](#) webinar. [Register.](#)

Our Staff Celebrates World Rivers Day

2019 marks the [15th annual World](#)

Rivers Day and this year's theme is "waterways in our communities." In anticipation of this day of action on September 22, our staff reflects on the rivers and waterways in our own communities, from the creeks in our backyards to the nearby lakes we escape to, and our fluffy friends' favorite spots. **Celebrate local waters with our staff.**



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**ACTION ITEMS /
DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
2.8
(ID # 10861)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON: Appointment of Lisa Battiato to Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District, Third District. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors appoint member to:

Committee, Commission, or Board: Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta
Resource Conservation District

Type of Nomination: Third District

Member: Lisa Battiato
29774 Windwood Circle
Temecula, CA 92591
760-579-9926
Battiato@geoconinc.com

Term of Appointment: September 10, 2019 until November 30, 2022.

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

BACKGROUND/APPOINTEE INFORMATION: Lisa Battiato will be completing the term of Allen J. Fleming, who had to resign from his position as a director on Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District.

Lisa Battiato is a certified engineering geologist who has resided within Riverside County for 18 years. With a strong understanding of hydrology, slope stability, erosion mitigation and geologic hazards, Lisa Battiato brings valuable geologic and geotechnical expertise to the board of directors. She is looking forward to giving back to her community in a meaningful way and doing what she can to preserve the natural environment.



August 30, 2019

Board of Directors
Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593

We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and understanding of the services we are to provide for the year ended June 30, 2019.

You have requested that we perform a review engagement with respect to the financial statements of Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District (District), which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2019, and the related statement of activities for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. In addition, the budgetary comparison schedule – general fund will be presented with the financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management, but will be subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements.

Our Responsibilities

The objective of our engagement is to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We will conduct our review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and comply with the AICPA's *Code of Professional Conduct*, including the ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care.

A review engagement includes primarily applying analytical procedures to your financial data and making inquiries of management. A review engagement is substantially less in scope than an audit engagement, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. A review engagement does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the District's internal control; assessing fraud risk; testing accounting records by obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence through inspection, observation, confirmation, or the examination of source documents; or other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit engagement. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion regarding the financial statements.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to identify or disclose any financial statement misstatements, including those caused by fraud or error, or to identify or disclose any wrongdoing within the District or noncompliance with laws and regulations. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures that indicates fraud may have occurred. In addition, we will inform you of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures regarding noncompliance with laws and regulations that may have occurred, unless they are clearly inconsequential. We have no responsibility to identify and communicate deficiencies or material weaknesses in your internal control as part of this engagement.

Your Responsibilities

The engagement to be performed is conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand that our responsibility is to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the statements to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. You have the following overall responsibilities that are fundamental to our undertaking the engagement in accordance with SSARS:

- 1) The selection of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as the financial reporting framework to be applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

- 2) The preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the inclusion of all informative disclosures that are appropriate for accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 3) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) The prevention and detection of fraud.
- 5) To ensure that the District complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.
- 6) The accuracy and completeness of the records, documents, explanations, and other information, including significant judgments, you provide to us for the engagement.
- 7) To provide us with—
 - access to all information of which you are aware is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - additional information that we may request from you for the purpose of the review engagement.
 - unrestricted access to persons within the District of whom we determine it necessary to make inquiries.
- 8) To provide us, at the conclusion of the engagement, with a letter that confirms certain representations made during the review.

Our Report

We will issue a written report upon completion of our review of the District's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the board of directors and management of the District. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified accountant's review report will be issued. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to report known departures from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the review of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

You agree to include our accountant's review report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that such financial statements have been reviewed by us and, prior to inclusion of the report, to obtain our permission to do so.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We will schedule the engagement based in part on deadlines, working conditions, and the availability of your key personnel. We will plan the engagement based on the assumption that your personnel will cooperate and provide assistance by performing tasks such as preparing requested schedule and retrieving supporting documents. If, for whatever reason, your personnel are unavailable to provide the necessary assistance in a timely manner, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate.

We will provide copies of our reports to the board of directors; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements.

The review documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of seven years after the report release date.

We expect to begin our review in June 2019 and to issue our reports no later than September 30, 2019. Paul J. Kaymark, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

The maximum fee for our services under the terms of this agreement shall be \$1,750. Preparation of the Annual State Controller's Report shall be \$250.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 90 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Should any litigation or adverse action (such as threatened litigation), by third parties arise against the District or the board of directors subsequent to this engagement, which results in the subpoena of documents from Nigro & Nigro, PC and/or requires additional assistance from us to provide information, depositions or testimony, the District hereby agrees to compensate Nigro & Nigro, PC (at our standard hourly rates) for additional time charges and other costs (copies, travel, etc.), and to indemnify us for any attorney's fees to represent Nigro & Nigro, PC.

If any dispute arises among the parties hereto, the parties agree to first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its applicable rules for resolving professional accounting and related services disputes before resorting to litigation. The costs of any mediation proceeding shall be shared equally by all parties.

The District and Nigro & Nigro, PC both agree that any dispute over fees charged by the auditor to the District will be submitted for resolution by arbitration in accordance with the applicable rules for resolving professional accounting and related services disputes of the American Arbitration Association, except that under all circumstances the arbitrator must follow the laws of California. Such arbitration shall be binding and final. IN AGREEING TO ARBITRATION, WE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE OVER FEES CHARGED BY THE ACCOUNTANT, EACH OF US IS GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE DISPUTE DECIDED IN A COURT OF LAW BEFORE A JUDGE OR JURY AND INSTEAD WE ARE ACCEPTING THE USE OF ARBITRATION FOR RESOLUTION. The prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the arbitration of the dispute in an amount to be determined by the arbitrator.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,



Nigro & Nigro, PC

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the District

Management signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Governance signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Mr. Eric Flodine
Director of Community Development
Strata Equity Group, Inc
Real Estate Investments
4370 La Jolla Village Dr. Suite 960
San Diego, CA 92122

Dear Mr. Flodine,

We are in receipt of your most recent e-mail as to the inquiry regarding a check that was written in 2007 by TeraCor Resource Management for \$56,000.00 and the work that was done for those funds. As I understand, the monies were used for invasive removal and habitat restoration and all monies have been appropriately spent to address the requirements by California Department of Fish and Wildlife and therefore no monies are due.

It is our understanding the McCall 71 LLC (Sam Yoo) sold the property and that individual or company sold it to you in 2014. We assume that your group is developing this property. If we are correct in this assumption, the additional monies you paid to Riverside-Corona RCD, is more than likely for new issues or requirements that CDFW or Army Corps are now requiring to be met. As I am sure you are aware, many of the regulations have changed over the years, not to mention that this particular project was addressed over 12 years ago. Therefore, any new regulations that would need to be met or mitigation that has to be done at this point would be additional. This is something you would have to take that up with CDFW and/or RCRC. The statute of limitations has been passed many years ago and our work was completed.

I hope this helps you. It might be best to contact CDFW to ascertain more information but at this time, we no longer have any obligations to fulfill in this matter.

Best Regards,

Rose Corona
President
TEAM RCD



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19 April 2007

Jeff Brandt, Environmental Scientist
California Department of Fish and Game
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RE: NOTIFICATION NO. 1600-2006-0238-R6 - CONCLUSION FOR CDFG CONSULTATION FOR A NON-JURISDICTIONAL FEATURE LOCATED ON A 91.2 ACRE PROPERTY; TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 31098, LOCATED WITHIN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Brandt:

TERACOR Resource Management (TERACOR) initially submitted a non-jurisdictional determination (NJD) for the above referenced property on 31 May 2006. You agreed the feature on-site was not jurisdictional but recognized, nonetheless, that the feature exhibited limited biological resource values. You subsequently required TERACOR to submit a SAA and a fee of \$200 in order to assign the property and related project a file number for tracking purposes.

Additionally, you asked that TERACOR conduct a focused Burrowing Owl (BUOW) Survey to determine whether BUOW occupied or utilized the site or immediate surrounding areas. This survey was completed in August 2006 and the results were negative for BUOW (see report enclosed).

TERACOR submitted the SAA and \$200 fee on 06 November 2006. CDFG responded with an Operation of Law letter dated 18 December 2006 which stated, "As a result, by law, you may now complete the project described in your notification without an agreement." As part of the project, McCall 71, LLC voluntarily mitigated for the loss of limited biological resource values through the Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District.

We are providing to you a check for the Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District in the amount of \$56,000.00. This concludes McCall 71, LLC's consultation with CDFG.

Respectfully,


Samuel Reed
Principal


Noah Albers
Assistant Biologist

C: Sam Yoo, McCall 71, LLC

OLD BUSINESS

Subject **Key for Law Enforcement for Riverside County Sheriff Department**

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Date 2019-08-01 11:53



Gentlemen,

I attended a meeting with the City of Lake Elsinore yesterday in order to discuss how we could be of assistance as TEAM RCD in sharing our reports on our homeless monitoring program with the Flood Control projects we are currently working on. We were asking for collaboration and assistance in those areas (Helash, Tualota Creek etc) in which we are working on projects for Flood Control and in which they have jurisdiction to assist in moving the Homeless out so that we may eventually be able to start restoration projects. Sergeant Warrington is in charge of the task force for Lake Elsinore but he is also willing to assist us in the flood control projects which reflect homeless activity that are in the unincorporated areas near there such as Wildomar, etc. Those projects specifically at this time would be Tualota Creek and Helash for now but he mentioned other areas that are Flood Control areas that Homeless are encamping that might not be on our list of projects with Flood. I asked him to get me a list of those locations so that we may take a look at them as potential sites to address.

During the discussion, Sergeant Warrington mentioned that they are having a major challenge in one channel where the Homeless are jumping the fence when the sheriffs are in pursuit but they were hampered by a locked Flood Control gate. Which obviously means the officers have to jump the gate too. I will get you the exact location later or perhaps Sergeant Warrington can let you know through e-mail. They would like to have a key to the Flood Control gates, and I am asking on their behalf if this could please be done in order to make these pursuits safer for the officers and easier for them to access Flood Control channels in order to monitor and hopefully prevent further homeless encampments from taking a foothold. I spoke with Mr. Uhley this morning and he feels this is possible. Can we see how quickly we can get the Sergeant a key to the gates and what the process would be?

Thank you for working so closely with us on this project. We feel this will help Sergeant Warrington and his team more effectively clear our watersheds by having easier access to deter the homeless, criminal activity etc. but the debris and trash they leave behind which affects us all.

As always, thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself at 909-208-7848, Newt Parkes-951-768-5642 our Homeless Project Coordinator, or Sergeant Warrington at the above e-mail address or at 951-245-3300.

Best Regards,

Rose Corona
President-TEAM RCD

Subject **Homeless Monitoring**

From Rose Corona <rosecorona@bighorsefeed.com>

To Robin Gilliland <robin.gilliland@temeculaca.gov>

cc: gruz@rivco.org <gruz@rivco.org>, MANAGER@TEAMRCD.ORG <MANAGER@TEAMRCD.ORG>, Brian Brady <bbrady@sawatershed.org>, James Law <jlaw@sawatershed.org>, Olivo, Henry <holivo@RIVCO.ORG>, Newt.parkes@teamrcd.org <Newt.parkes@teamrcd.org>, Ambrose, Brian <BAmbrose@MurrietaCA.gov>, <Jeff.Brandt@wildlife.ca.gov>, Uhley, Jason <juhley@RIVCO.ORG>

Date 2019-06-14 14:53



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Attached you will find our most recent reports which we will be forwarding on a monthly basis to you so that we can more cohesively attack this issue within our District borders. If we can identify the problems within your City and bring attention to each City’s Homeless Task Forces those homeless groups congregating within certain areas when they are in smaller numbers, we may be able to help address several issues at once before they become bigger and larger issues.

As we have begun to see in cities as large as Los Angeles and San Francisco, the homeless issue is rapidly becoming a health issue as well and we are determined to do our best to be part of the solution. As we have said before to many of you that we have met, we do not have the authority to remove either homeless, their belongings or any HazMat type material that may be within the watersheds. However, we do have the ability to work in areas once removal of both homeless and hazardous materials has occurred, and restore the area to what it once was for wildlife and habitat.

At our most recent meeting, we assigned one of our Associate Directors, Newt Parkes, to follow up monthly with Task Forces in each city where we have a project in which we are working with Riverside County Flood Control. Newt will be reaching out to each City and its Task Force to continue to keep them informed of encampments in their area that need addressing. We also will copy Riverside County Flood Control to keep them in the loop in order to have them be aware of where their help is needed and required by some of their existing contracts with particular cities.

We recognize this is only a small solution to part of the overall problem of Homelessness that needs to be addressed. But TEAM RCD feels that it is a start to perhaps a long term approach that might eventually involve not just our RCD but the many throughout our state and our Nation that are struggling with the same problem. Trying to balance and protect our conservation areas, keep our water quality clean, help our cities and still help in the fight to help those caught up in the plight of homelessness is not an easy task. It is a big ask. But we feel that we and our City and County officials are up to it.

We thank you for your time and should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at 909-208-7848 or to our Office Manager, Barb Dalton, at 760-567-0742.

Best Regards,

Rose Corona

Subject **RE: Homeless Monitoring**
From **Ambrose, Brian <BAmbrose@MurrietaCA.gov>**
To **Rose Corona <rosecorona@bighorsefeed.com>, Robin Gilliland <robin.gilliland@TemeculaCA.gov>**
Cc **gruiz@rivco.org <gruiz@rivco.org>, MANAGER@TEAMRCD.ORG <MANAGER@TEAMRCD.ORG>, Brian Brady <bbrady@sawatershed.org>, James Law <jlaw@sawatershed.org>, Olivo, Henry <holivo@RIVCO.ORG>, Newt.parkes@teamrcd.org <Newt.parkes@teamrcd.org>, <Jeff.Brandt@wildlife.ca.gov>, Uhley, Jason <juhley@RIVCO.ORG>**
Date **2019-06-14 15:47**



Good afternoon Rose,

I got your email and voicemail. I'll call you in a few minutes. Murrieta would be happy to help with enforcement on any property within our borders where we have a 602-No Trespassing letter on file. Fortunately, RivCo Flood Control has issued a 602 letter, and we actively monitor Murrieta Creek and other Flood Control properties. However, none of the sites on your attachment fall within Murrieta, so we are limited to what we can do outside of our jurisdiction. Here are the locations with potential contacts:

1. Helash encampment – this area is located within the City of Wildomar. Potential contact: Felicia Folmar, ffolmar@cityofwildomar.org.
2. Tualota Creek 1, 2 & 3 – this area is located within the unincorporated Riverside County. I believe the contact is County Code Enforcement, but I am not sure of that. We have passed on information about the various encampments in this area to a number of County agencies in the past, as these encampments impact both Murrieta and Temecula.

I don't want to sound like we do not want to help. I appreciate these reports, and if the County asks for assistance, we'd certainly do what we can to help. But I cannot send my officers into these encampments when they are located outside of our City limits.

I'll give you a call so we can discuss further.

Brian Ambrose

Community Services Department

City of Murrieta | www.MurrietaCA.gov

☎ (951) 461-6114 | ✉ bambrose@MurrietaCA.gov

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT MY PHONE NUMBER HAS CHANGED RECENTLY: (951) 461-6114.

From: Rose Corona [<mailto:rosecorona@bighorsefeed.com>]

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 2:53 PM

To: Robin Gilliland

Cc: gruiz@rivco.org; MANAGER@TEAMRCD.ORG; Brian Brady; James Law; Olivo, Henry; Newt.parkes@teamrcd.org; Ambrose, Brian; Brandt, Jeff@Wildlife; Uhley, Jason

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CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

REPORT AREA I: LIST OF ALL HABITAT CREATION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION PROJECT AREAS CURRENTLY BEING MANAGED BY PERMITTEE

SAWA acted as a contractor on this project, and will only report on activities and impacts performed by staff.

REPORT AREA II: DESCRIPTION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES PERFORMED WITHIN EACH PROJECT AREA

Current site conditions: Encampments are currently active on Helash, Tualota Creek 1 & 2, and Tualota Creek III. At Helash, there are multiple tents set up on the northern end of the project with multiple transients living in those tents. At Tualota Creek 1 & 2, there is one tent underneath the bridge between the two projects with 2 transients. At Tualota Creek III there is currently one tent alongside the creek bed with 1 transient. Points were used to mark the locations of transients within project boundaries with photos on each point.

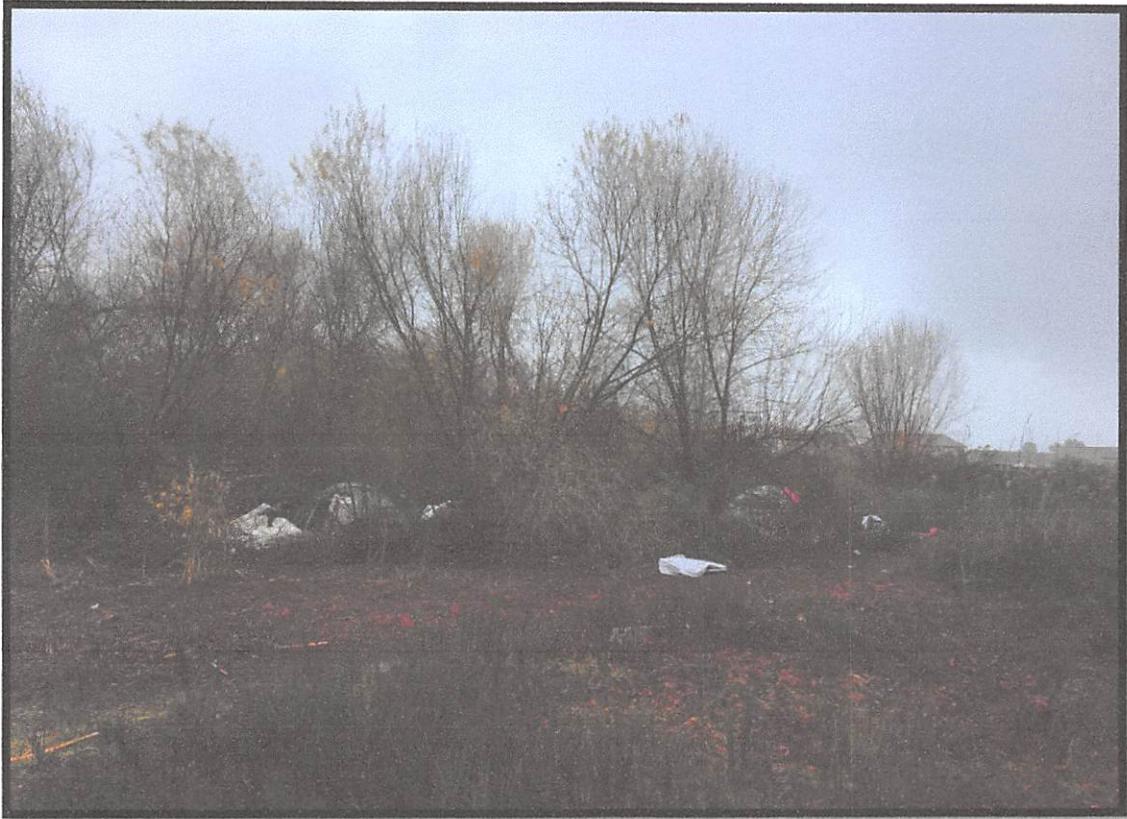
Enhancement Activities: SAWA recommends trash and waste removal on all Team RCD projects in the future following transient removal.

The frequency and timing transient monitoring: Monitoring occurred bi-weekly to current, starting from January 16th, 2019.

HOMELESS MONITORED AT HELASH

Homeless encampments were discovered in this area (blue polygon position: 33.58762 -117.25479) on 1/16/2019. Multiple tents and a large quantity of waste including mattresses, clothing and scattered plastic.







Helash: 2/28/2019: Clothing and various trash in the camp.



Helash: 3/14/2019: In camp, more trash and clothing.

HOMELESS MONITORED AT TUCALOTA CREEK 1 & 2

Homeless encampments were discovered in this area (blue polygon position: 33.55242 -117.13619) on 4/24/2019. Tents made of wooden boards and tarps underneath the street bridge.

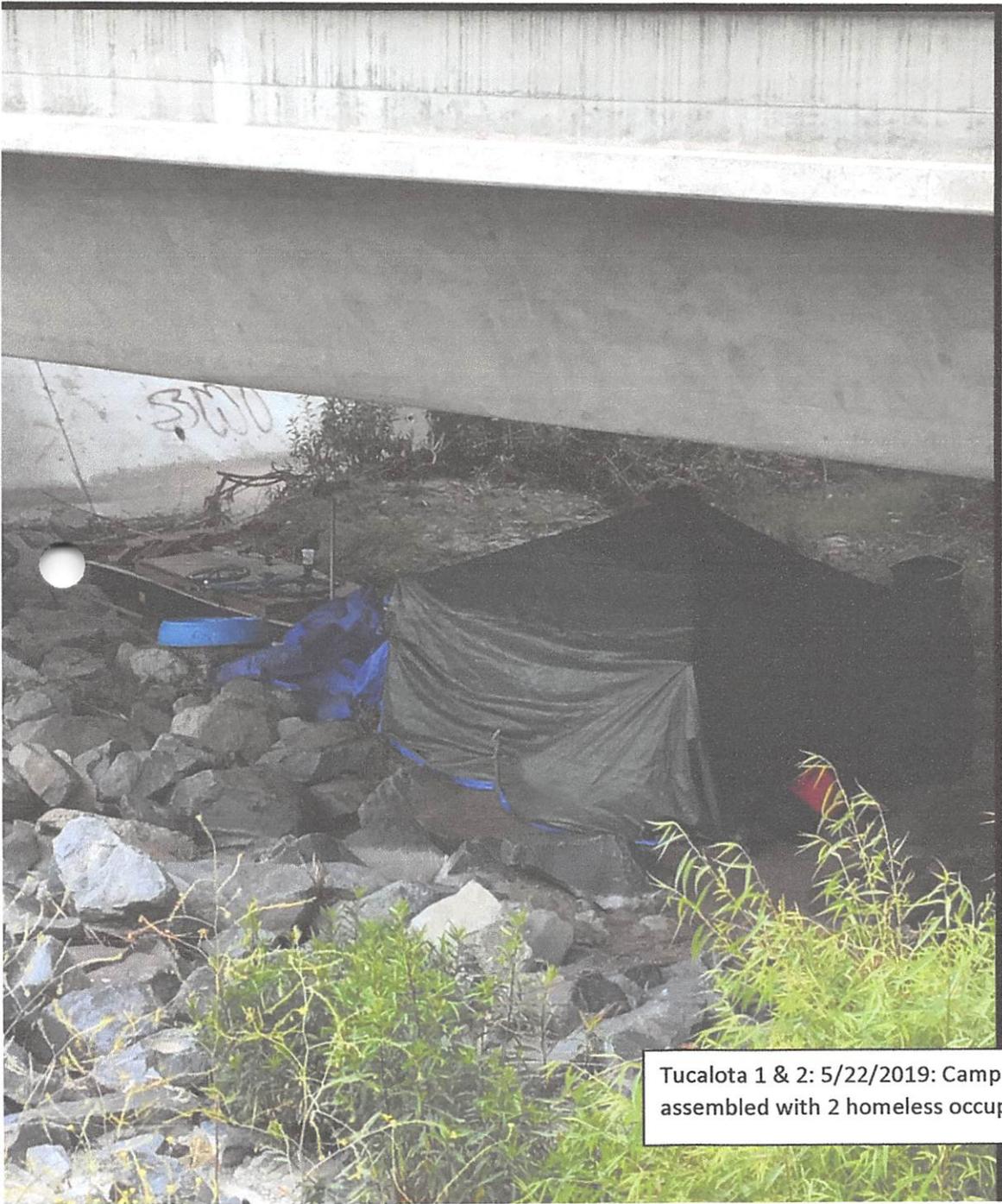




Tucalota 1 & 2: 4/24/2019:
Tent made of tarp and wood,
2 homeless.



Tucalota 1 & 2: 5/7/2019:
Tent was disassembled but
homeless are still around.



Tucalota 1 & 2: 5/22/2019: Camp is re-assembled with 2 homeless occupying it.

HOMELESS MONITORED AT TUCALOTA CREEK III

Homeless encampments were discovered in this area (blue polygon position: 33.54603 - 117.14107) on 5/22/2019. Tent sitting on the creek bed.





Tucalota III: 5/22/2019: Homeless camp in creek bed.

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TUCALOTA CREEK I & II

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Site visits conducted on:

Tuesday 7-2-2019: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tualoca Creek I & II. No homeless were discovered on site on this date.

Wednesday 7-17-2019: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tualoca Creek I & II. No homeless were discovered on site on this date.

Wednesday 7-31-2019: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tualoca Creek I & II. No homeless were discovered on site on this date.

Geographic location: 33.55236° -117.13611° Unincorporated Riverside County (closest to Murrieta). No homeless to report.

Photo Points:

Photo Point 1: 33.55075° -117.13722°

Photo Point 2: 33.55620° -117.13522° Roll of paper and plastic waste.

Photo Point 3: 33.55472° -117.13538°

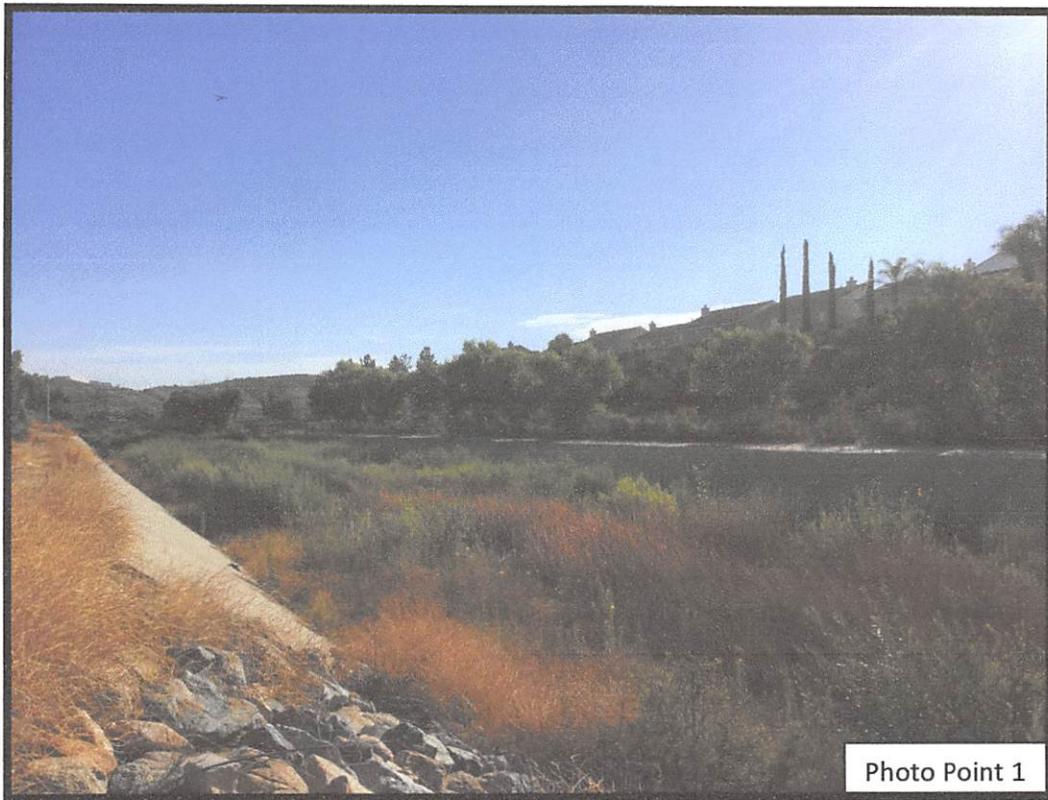


Photo Point 1



Photo Point 2



Photo Point 3

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TUCALOTA CREEK III

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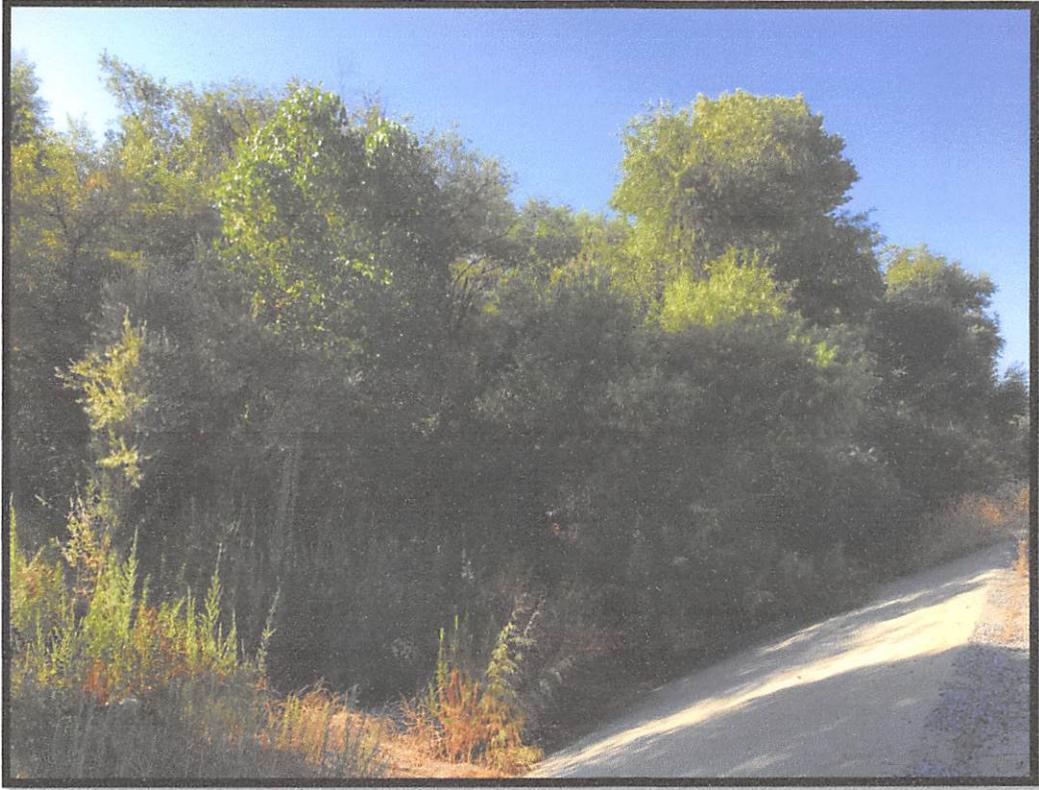
Wednesday 7-31-2019: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tualoca Creek III. No homeless were discovered on site on this date.

Geographic location: 33.54672° -117.14091° Unincorporated Riverside County (closest to Murrieta). No homeless to report.

Photo Points:

Photo Point 1: 33.54654° -117.14110°

Photo Point 2: 33.54275° -117.14258°





September 6, 2019

Ms. Irma Rabago

Community Association

Manager (1) Associa-PCM

11860 Pierce Street, Suite 100

Riverside, CA 92505

Dear Ms. Rabago,

Attached you will find the updated proposal for Fairway Estates based on the use of the Green Climber to grind all vegetation and bio-mass on site. This reduces your costs from TEAM RCD by \$71.36 from the original proposal and eliminates the need for Fairway Estates to have a crew to remove and dispose of bio mass off-site.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office manager, Barb Dalton at 760-567-0742.

Best Regards,

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

Rose Corona

President-TEAM RCD

Cc: Ward Simmons-Best, Best and Krieger

**MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-
MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT AND THE FAIRWAY ESTATES
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

This Maintenance Services Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into this 6th day of September, 2019, by and between the Fairway Estates Homeowners Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation ("Association") and the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District, a California Resource Conservation District and governmental Special District ("TEAM RCD") (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 9412, the California Legislature has granted TEAM RCD authority to provide technical assistance to private landowners within the district to support practices that minimize soil and related resource degradation, provided, however, that the Association agrees to use such assistance on its lands within the district in furtherance of TEAM RCD's objectives, plans and regulations.

AGREEMENT

NOW, therefore, in consideration of the above and the mutual covenants, terms and conditions contained herein, and pursuant to the laws of the State of California, the Association and TEAM RCD hereby agree as follows:

1. **Activities:** Upon timely payment of the "Maintenance Fee" described below, TEAM RCD agrees to perform maintenance services in the Non-Conservation Easement Areas as further described in Exhibit "A" ("the Activities") and within the areas shown in Exhibit "B."

2. **Access:** The Association grants access to TEAM RCD in order to carry out the Activities described in this Agreement. If the Association, any homeowner in the Project area or subsequent owner of the Project, the Association, or their successors in interest interfere with TEAM RCD's reasonable access to conduct the Activities, TEAM RCD's duties and responsibilities under this Agreement shall be suspended until such access is restored.

3. **Funding of Actual Costs:**

a. The Association shall pay TEAM RCD the sum of \$6,091.04 (SIX THOUSAND NINETY ONE DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS) ("Maintenance Fee"), upon the execution of this Agreement.

b. The Parties agree that the Maintenance Fee is a reasonable amount calculated to cover the anticipated costs of the Activities. If the actual costs (including without limitation, administrative staff time, overhead and related legal costs) exceed the anticipated costs, TEAM RCD shall bill the difference to the Association.

4. **TEAM RCD's Streambed Alteration Agreement:** TEAM RCD is permitted through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct the Activities pursuant to its Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. 1600-2012-0014R6("1600 Permit") The 1600 permit is non-transferable and will not be available for use for the Activities when this Agreement is terminated. In the event any changes are required to the 1600 Permit that may affect the performance of the Activities by TEAM RCD, the Parties will meet and confer to amend the Activities accordingly.

5. **Liabilities/Indemnity:** The Parties agree that TEAM RCD shall have no duty or responsibility for the protection of individual homeowners within the Project, the Association, its invitees, agents, contractors, consultants, heirs, estates, successors, assigns and /or subsequent homeowners, the public, or any third parties from risks relating to conditions in the Non-Conservation Easement Areas, except to the extent of the negligence or willful misconduct of TEAM RCD, its employees, or subcontractors while present on the Non-Conservation Easement Area. As such, the Association shall indemnify and hold TEAM RCD, its officers, agents, or employees free and harmless from liability to any person or entity not a Party to this Agreement from any damage, loss or injury to person and/or property, except to the extent of the negligence or willful misconduct of TEAM RCD, its employees, or subcontractors while present on the Non-Conservation Easement Area.

6. **Insurance:** Each Party to this Agreement shall, at its sole cost and expense, procure and maintain during the term of this Agreement the following insurance coverage: (i) worker' compensation insurance required under state law, and (ii) a policy of general liability insurance written by one or more responsible insurance carrier(s) insuring against liability for injury to persons and/or property and death of any person or persons occurring in, on or about the Non-Conservation Easement Areas arising from the Parties, their agents, consultants and subcontractors, with a liability limit under such insurance of not less than \$2,000,000.00 for any one accident and death or injury of any one person and not less than \$2,000,000.00 for any one accident and \$500,000.00 for property damage. Each Party shall name the other as Additional Insureds on the respective policies and shall furnish the other with certificates of insurance issued by the appropriate insurance carrier(s) evidencing compliance with the terms of this Section and providing that such insurance shall not be canceled except after thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.

7. **Transferability; Right to Enforcement:** The Agreement is non-transferable. The Association's right to enforce the terms of this Agreement shall not be assigned, conveyed, or otherwise transferred, by contract, agreement or by operation of law, to any successor or any other person or entity without TEAM RCD's express written agreement. TEAM RCD's agreement to such transfer may be contingent upon amendment of this Agreement. Under no circumstance shall any individual homeowner within the Project area have any enforcement rights under this Agreement as against TEAM RCD.

8. **Time of Performance:** TEAM RCD agrees to begin performing the Activities no later than fourteen (14) days aft the receipt of the Maintenance Fee and the clearance of all funds from issuing bank to the TEAM RCD bank account.

9. **Cancellation:** Either Party may cancel this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice by so notifying the other Party by certified mail. If this Agreement is properly cancelled, TEAM RCD shall withhold all costs and expenses incurred through that date from the amount paid to TEAM RCD pursuant to sections 3 or 4 and refund the balance to the Association within thirty (30) days' request therfor.

10. **Notices:** Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either Party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To TEAM RCD at:

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta
Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593-2078

To Association At:

Fairway Estates Homeowner's Association
c/o Ms Irma Rabago
Community Association Manager
Association - PCM
11860 Pierce St. Ste. 100
Riverside, CA 92505

11. **Controlling Law Venue:** The interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall b governed by the laws of the State of California. The Parties expressly accepts the jurisdiction and venue of the Riverside County Superior Court in any litigation brought to enforce or interpret this Agreement.

12. **Entire Agreement:** This instrument, including exhibits, sets forth the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the Activities and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Activities, all of which are merged herein.

13. **Amendment:** This agreement shall not be changed, modified or amended except upon the written consent of the Parties hereto.

14. **Attorneys' Fees:** The prevailing Party in any litigation brought to enforce or interpret this Agreement shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and all costs of litigation including but not limited to, expert witness fees, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled. Fees and costs not included within those allowed by Code of Civil Procedure 1033.5 shall be set forth in the Parties' pleadings and shall be proved in a bifurcated trial before the trial judge alone, the right to trial by jury being hereby waived, after the conclusion of the trial on all other issues.

15. **Authority:** Each Party to this Agreement warrants to the other that it is duly organized and existing and that it and the respective signatories have full right and authority to enter into and consummate this Agreement and all related documents and bind the parties thereto.

**TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
A California Resource Conservation District**

Name _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**FAIRWAY ESTATES HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, a California nonprofit
mutual benefit Corporation**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

Description of Activities:

TEAM RCD will perform two days of non-native species control within the area identified in Exhibit B of this agreement, to consist of one or more of the following activities:

- Non-Native species removal and limbing of native horizontally growing vegetation up to 4 feet. Species to include but not limited to: Pampas grass, palm trees, and tamarisk
- Treatment of the large palm at the top of channel
- Clearing of an area five feet wide along the channel from the golf course to Cherrywood Drive exclusive and in avoidance of existing and predetermined habitat areas.

The Parties agree that:

- TEAM RCD staff will have the discretion to select best methods for non-native control and to determine order of treatments for target species within the area shown as Exhibit B. Non-native removals in excess of funding provided for 2019-20 work will be documented and scheduled for 2020-21 treatments.
- A Green Climber from TEAM RCD will grind all debris generated on site from removal activities and Fairway Estates will not be responsible for any debris removal and disposal of bio-mass and invasive materials generated from the project.

EXHIBIT B

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

(SEE ATTACHED)

FAIRWAY ESTATES HOA



EXHIBIT B

Legend
Fairway Estates Project Area - 0.1 Acres



40 20 0 40 Meters

AUG 03
7:55:10 PM
FROM: JAMES HOOK
SUB: PROJECT 03 3174

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-
Anza-Murrieta Resource
Conservation District
PO Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593-2078 US
(951) 387-8992
www.teamrcd.com

Invoice 082619-2120-2231

BILL TO
Community Association
Manager (I) Associa-PCM
11860 Pierce Street, Suite 100
Riverside, CA 92505

DATE
09/06/2019

PLEASE PAY
\$6,091.04

DUE DATE
09/06/2019

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
09/06/2019	Vegetation Removal Vegetation Removal Service per proposal for Fairway Estates.	1	6,091.04	6,091.04

TOTAL DUE

\$6,091.04

THANK YOU.

FAIRWAY ESTATES VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

DATE: 8/29/2019

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Amount
JAMES LAW	PROJECT MANAGER	10.00		
FIELD SUPERVISOR	FIELD SUPERVISOR	10.00		
CREW LEAD	LEAD REST. TECH	20.00		
RESTORATION TECH #1	LEAD REST. TECH	20.00		
STAFF TOTALS		60.00		\$3,396.50
MILEAGE	300 Miles @ .87 = \$267.00			\$267.00
EQUIPMENT		# OF DAYS	COST PER DAY	TOTAL COST
GREEN CLIMBER GRINDER		1.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		50.00	0.41	\$20.50
COMPETITOR		0.00	0.37	\$0.00
AGRI-DEX		15.00	0.28	\$4.20
GARLON		0.00	1.22	\$0.00
QUEST		10.00	0.29	\$2.90
Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,916.10				
<p>** This costs includes all tools, material, reports, staff time and mileage to conduct 1 day of grinding and up to two days of non-native species removal and limbing of native horizontally growing vegetation up to 4 feet. Non-native palms will be treated utilizing the "Drill & Kill" technique. All biomass will be ground up on-site by the green climber and allowed to decompose into soil mulch. A 6-foot wide clearance will be conducted along the channel from the golf course to Cherrywood Drive.</p>				

NEW BUSINESS