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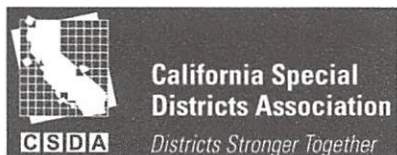
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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 23, 2019



Vote Today! CSDA Board of Directors Seat B Electronic Ballot Voting is Now Open

The designated contact for each district received an email from CSDA vote@simplyvoting.com. The email provided a direct link to the secure third-party voting system called Simply Voting and provides the elector ID number and password, and links to access the ballot directly and candidates' information. The deadline to receive electronic ballots is August 9! For questions, email Amber Phelen or call 916-442-7887.



Districts Can Respond to Little Hoover Commission by Preparing for Disasters and Adapting Infrastructure to a Changing Climate

In response to recommendations within the Little Hoover Commission's (Commission) 2017 report on special districts, CSDA has developed a Climate Adaptation and Natural Disaster Preparedness Survey, a Climate Adaptation Framework Webinar, and is currently planning a Climate Adaptation Roundtable. [READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

Some Special Districts Will Receive Unpaid Mandate Reimbursements

Following the passage of AB 74 as part of the California State Budget, certain districts will be receiving reimbursement checks for mandates going back almost 20 years. The 2019-20 State Budget Act contains \$15.1 million of funding for four (4) different "Expired and Repealed Mandates" for costs dating back as far as 2001-02. Of the four funded-programs, two of them involve reimbursable costs for special districts. Those two programs are:

- Fire Safety Inspections of Care Facilities (Ch. 993, Stats. 1989) (01-TC-16 and 13-MR-01)
- Local Recreational Areas: Background Screenings (Ch. 777, Stats. 2001) (01-TC-11 and 12-MR-02)

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MEMBER RESOURCES

SCE Launches Charge Ready Transport Program for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles

Southern California Edison, one of CSDA's newest Business Affiliates, has launched the [Charge Ready Transport Program](#), which provides a great opportunity for qualifying fleet owners and other operators of industrial vehicles (class 2 and above) to have the electric infrastructure installed to support charging stations for an EV fleet at no cost!

[Learn More](#)

Rescheduled Date for Member Benefits Webinar

Are you maximizing your CSDA membership? Register for a free webinar exploring CSDA's [value-added benefits](#) now scheduled for **Thursday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

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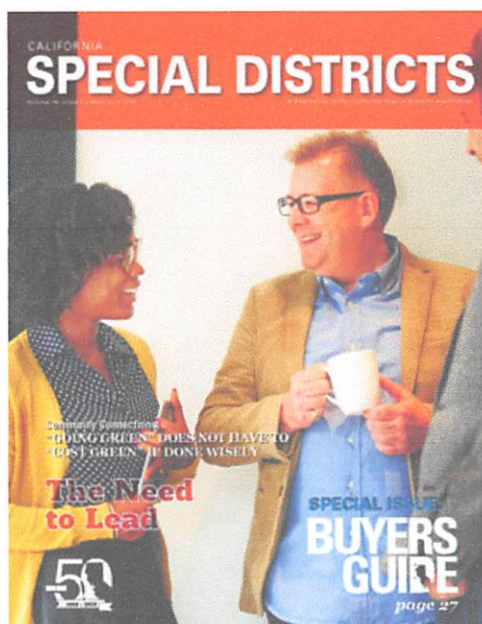
Sacramento Area: HR and Finance Workshops this August

Get the education you need regarding human resources and special district finances in these two information-packed workshops in El Dorado Hills on August 7 and 8. Learn cutting edge information that HR professionals at special districts need to know. Plus, understand the full scope of financial information affecting special districts today from budgeting and internal controls to long term planning and capital improvement plans. Attend one or both! Check out the full course descriptions and register online now!

August 7: [Human Resources Boot Camp for Special Districts](#)

August 8: [Financial Management for Special Districts](#)

[All Workshops](#)



Have You Checked Out the CSDA 2019 Buyer's Guide?

The May/June issue of the California Special Districts magazine is the annual Buyer's Guide edition, which features CSDA's valued Business Affiliate members who are important partners to special districts. Make sure to check it out in addition to other great content, such as:

- Special Districts Can Play a Key Role in Climate Adaptation
- "Going Green" Does Not Have to "Cost Green" if Done Wisely
- The Water Shutoff Protection Act Project Exemption
- The Need To Lead
- Avoiding Billing System Debacles
- Is Your Team Prepared for Fiscal Year End?

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RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

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

RFP – Engineering Evaluation of Capital Replacement Program

RFP – General Legal Counsel Services

RFP – Preliminary Environmental Review & Design for Meadow Restoration

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SDLF RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations on the following SDLF program recipients!

Transparency Certificate of Excellence
- West Basin Municipal Water District

District of Distinction
- Chino Valley Independent Fire District
- Pine Cove Water District

For questions about SDLF, contact [Amber Phelen](#).

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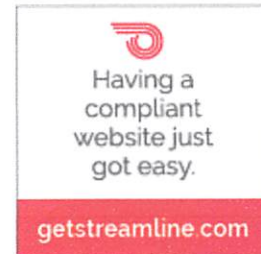
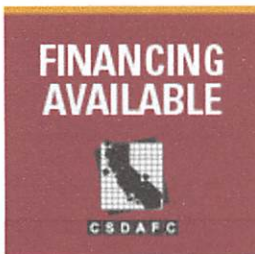
Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's [Career Center](#):

[Associate Engineer](#) – Henry Miller Reclamation District #2131

[Parks/Landscape Manager](#) – Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District

[Legislative Representative](#) – California Special Districts Association

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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

Welcomed New Project Coordinator

Sara Letton has joined [our team](#)! Sara is CARCD's new project coordinator and will transition to leading CARCD's conservation cannabis project and water use efficiency projects. In the past she has worked with Western Shasta RCD and her familiarity with RCDs is a great asset. She can be contacted at sara-letton@carcd.org.

Salmonid Recovery with Department of Fish and Wildlife

We are participating in the Department of Fish and Wildlife's working group on North Coast salmonid recovery. The group is working on a new assessment that incorporates information on local activity such as landowner participation

and active conservation organizations. This incorporation of local knowledge will make RCD salmonid restoration efforts more effective.

Noxious and Invasive Plant Committee

The Noxious and Invasive Plant Committee is an important part of coordinating state and national weed management. June's call focused on seed delivery and weed free materials. We are glad to be involved on the calls on behalf of RCDs so that we can more effectively manage weeds and make sure RCDs are seen as a primary organization for invasive plant management.

TNC Water Transaction Network

The Nature Conservancy has been engaging CARCD and other partners in their Water Transaction Network. CARCD met with TNC to talk about how RCDs might be engaged in water transactions for species recovery. Voluntary in-stream flow transactions have become an important conservation tool and we hope to expand RCDs' ability to leverage it.

California Conservation Corps Partnership

We met with the California Conservation Corps to discuss how the CCC and RCDs can better partner together. Corps members are an important force for on-the-ground conservation projects, and the stronger our partnership is, the more CCC and RCDs can increase each others' effectiveness and visibility.

Specialty Crop Block Grant

CARCD has been working to advance our Specialty Crop Block Grant proposal for [the California Farm Demonstration Network](#). This multi-partnership initiative will allow producers to learn from each other to increase soil health, improve water quantity, and improve conservation on their properties.

CALFIRE Partnership

We met with Thom Porter, the new director of CAL FIRE, to discuss the partnership between CAL FIRE, RCDs, and CARCD. This is a key partnership to strengthen as RCDs continue to work on wildfire and forest health issues. We are currently [supporting several legislative bills](#) which will increase funding for wildfire prevention and restoration work, and one which will specifically increase our ability to partner with CAL FIRE on defensible space.

Division 9 Revisions

Division 9 is under revision by the Department of Conservation, and 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 directors from across the state representing a diversity of regions and capacities. The RCD Division 9 committee had several phone calls in June to identify key objectives and draft language for the themes of the state role and vision, local regulation, and larger opportunities.

Funding Development

We have been working with our Advancement Consultant, Monika Whitfield, to create a development plan for CARCD and RCDs. By networking with foundations and growing the individual giving campaign, we hope to diversify and increase funding for RCDs.

NACD ED Conference

CARCD will be hosting this year's annual National Association of Conservation Districts Executive Directors Conference, which will be generously co-hosted by Tahoe RCD. This conference will bring together executive directors from state associations of conservation districts from across the country. This will be an opportunity for us to learn best practices from across the country, and to share about our successes in capacity building and increasing visibility of RCDs.

SB 253 Testimony and Hearings

SB 253, the bill to create the Environmental Farming Incentive Program, is now making its way through the California State Assembly. CARCD has co-sponsored the bill, and has been working with lawmakers to amend it to explicitly include RCDs in its language. In June, CARCD testified at the Capitol when it was heard by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

CSDA Collaboration

The California Special Districts Association has asked us to share how RCDs use special tax assessments and fees. The goal is to better understand how they are used so we can better leverage them where they are appropriate.

American Farmland Trust

CARCD has been working with American Farmland Trust to strategize outreach to underserved producers. This has been an important direction for both organizations as reaching all producers will make RCDs more relevant and help us fulfill our mission of serving all district residents.

Bechtel Funded Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training

CARCD has an exciting opportunity to participate in a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) deep dive training funded by the Bechtel foundation. Participants are environmental leaders from across the state. Three trainings of 3-5 days each will culminate in a plan to incorporate concepts into the CARCD work plan and pass core learning on to RCDs across the state. Along with CARCD, Peter Braudrick of the Mendocino RCD and Sheryl Landrum from the RCD of Greater San Diego are also participating.

CA Landscape Stewardship Network

CARCD has been convening with the California Landscape Stewardship Network about how several conservation networks can better collaborate amongst themselves. This "networking of networks" will reduce redundant efforts, make conservation efforts effective, and help with information sharing.

Conference Planning

CARCD continues to plan for the 74th Annual CARCD Conference in Redding. The team has been building the agenda and coordinating with the venue to plan a relevant, excellent, and visible conference for the RCD network.

WAFWA Monarch Butterfly Coordination

CARCD joined the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Western Monarch Butterfly Population Take Flight Conservation Meeting. The meeting and partnership with WAFWA will help the RCD network coordinate with other conservation efforts for butterfly recovery.

Bay Area Sustainability Plan

CARCD is participating in the Bay Area Open Space Council's planning committee to create a sustainability plan to support conservation in the Bay Area. This is an important part of making sure RCDs are seen as relevant and effective organizations for implementing conservation in the Bay Area.

NRCS Local Agreements

CARCD have been working with USDA NRCS and the Department of Conservation to write a Memorandum of Understanding to set local agreements with NRCS offices. Stronger local agreements will help RCDs coordinate better with NRCS staff.

Streamlining Watershed Permitting

CARCD has been part of a working group that includes state water control boards, USDA NRCS, and Cal EPA. The group meets with the goal to streamline permitting and promote watershed pilot projects around enhancing watershed functions. Reducing permitting load is crucial for effective watershed conservation efforts going into the future.

DOC Quarterly Meeting

CARCD had its quarterly meeting with David Bunn, Director of the California Department of Conservation, which included discussion about potential revisions to Division 9, advanced payments, bond funds, and ways that RCDs and DOC can collaborate. CARCD also has monthly check-ins with the staff and leadership of the Division of Land Resource Protection.

Partnership with Carbon Cycle Institute

CARCD is making a concerted effort to work more closely with CCI. The two organizations are now holding monthly partnership meetings and connecting on various projects between meetings. The intent is to strengthen the RCDs ability to implement carbon farming by providing funding and technical assistance.

John de Graaf

CARCD has been in conversation with John de Graaf, keynote speaker at the CARCD Conference in 2018, who promotes the view that the beauty of natural spaces is valuable because it enhances quality of life. He is interested in increasing the public's awareness 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 June, CARCD staff co-facilitated a call with the Sacramento Valley durable collaboration cohort.

WCB Monarch Butterfly Block Grant

CARCD submitted a full proposal for a block grant to the Wildlife Conservation Board's Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Program. The application was developed after careful collaboration with RCDs. The funding would be allocated to individual participating RCDs to create a patchwork of continuous habitat for the Western Monarch Butterfly's migration flyway.

NRCS Conservation Planner

CARCD's program manager, Kristen Murphy, attended the NRCS Conservation Planner training on Staten Island in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, with the intention of CARCD better understanding and being able to support RCDs with technical assistance and on-the-ground work.

Colusa County RCD Carbon Farm Plan

CARCD participated in Colusa County RCD's first carbon farm plan producer meeting. The meeting went well and CARCD is looking forward to further supporting RCD carbon farm planning efforts.

Engaging with Ranching Networks

CARCD attended the California Cattlemen's Association's mid-year meeting in Rancho Murieta and connected with CCA President Mark Lacey. This is part of an effort to further engage the ranching community as part of the Grazing Lands Coalition funding.

Sierra Nevada Alliance and the Sierra Corps Program

CARCD is serving on the steering committee for the Sierra Nevada Alliance's new Sierra Corps program. The program is funded through a grant by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and aims to build the capacity of local organizations in the Sierra Nevada through the placement of skilled corps members in organization offices.

California Forest Stewardship Education Initiative

The Landowner Education and Outreach Working Group of the Forest Management Task Force proposed the creation of the California Forest Stewardship Education Initiative. The Initiative, led by UC Cooperative Extension and funded by CAL FIRE, will use workshops to enhance private forest landowners knowledge of forest management activities and technical knowledge throughout the state. CARCD is serving on the steering committee and will work to ensure this initiative is strategically aligned with RCD priorities and draws on RCD expertise in landowner education and outreach.



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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

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. To make sure all interested RCDs have an opportunity to attend we are prioritizing RCD registration from now until July 31. Registration will be available to our partners starting August 1.

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

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.

WCB Announces Stream Flow Enhancement Program

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

Funding for RCD Regional Carbon Farming Hubs

The Carbon Farming Network is providing funding for Resource Conservation Districts to support [the development of a plan and a budget for the creation of Regional Carbon Farming Hubs](#). CARCD and the Carbon Cycle Institute will host a conference call on Friday, August 2 at 9am regarding the Regional Carbon Farming Hub Solicitation. Participants should call into (712) 770-4598 with code 617 079. This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions regarding the RFP and the holistic regional planning process. Proposals are due by 5 pm, August 15. Please contact Pelayo Alvarez with any questions.

RCD News

Save the Date Carbon Farm Planning Training

The East Stanislaus RCD will be hosting a Carbon Farm Planning Training on October 3 at Bowles Farm near Los Banos in Merced County. The training is sponsored by the Carbon Farming Network. More details will be announced at a later date.

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

Sonoma RCD's workshop [Range Tailgate 2: Cows, Compost + Carbon](#) will be 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. Starting in 2018, on a private 300-acre ranch owned by the Sonoma Mountain Institute, this demonstration field trail was established to look at 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 on both treatment

and control plots, 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.d.org or (707) 569-1448 ext 101. [The flyer can be found here.](#)

If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at 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

EDF's Groundwater Simulation Tool

The Environmental Defense Fund and the University of Michigan have created a hands-on simulation that educates players about the challenges and solution strategies of groundwater management called [the Groundwater Game](#). The simulation has proven to be a powerful engagement tool to bring diverse stakeholders together and facilitate a thought-provoking dialogue as they work through various groundwater management scenarios. EDF has facilitated the simulation with elected leaders, community members and students for more than a year. A new toolkit allows organizations to facilitate simulations in their own communities. They also have some grant funding to serve as a facilitator through 2020. For more information please contact Ronna Kelly at rkelly@edf.org.

WCB Draft Strategic Plan

The Wildlife Conservation Board has published [their Draft Strategic Plan](#) and are soliciting feedback. The plan is an updated version of the 2014 plan. Please provide any comments to climateWCB@wildlife.ca.gov by close of business on July 31.

Elderberry Hedgerow Field Day in Dixon

The Agricultural Sustainability Institute is hosting [an elderberry field day](#) on Tuesday, September 17 from 1:30pm to 5:30pm at the Cloverleaf Farm (8946 Olmo Ln, Dixon, CA 95620). Native hedgerows on farm edges benefit wildlife, pest control, carbon storage and runoff, but hedgerow planting by farmers in California is limited, often due to establishment and maintenance costs. What if hedgerows could provide a source of farm income to offset costs? The field day will include an elderberry tour, a value-added product discussion and demonstration, and a presentation on ecological benefits and nutritional analysis.

Job Announcements

Yolo RCD Seeking Project Assistant

The Yolo RCD is seeking a dedicated professional to be [their project assistant](#). This person will assist RCD project managers in implementing conservation projects, carrying out field activities, site monitoring and data collection. Field and office work is split about 80/20. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of agricultural practices and experience in restoration planning and native vegetation management. Applications are accepted through Friday, August 30. Please see [their job announcement for details on applying](#).

Environmental Scientist with Water Quality Control Board

The Adaptive Management Unit of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board is looking for [an Environmental Scientist](#) who is interested in helping them fulfill their vision: Healthy Watersheds, Effective Regulation, Strong Partnerships. Their office is located in Santa Rosa. The final filing date is July 31.

AFT's California Policy Associate

The American Farmland Trust is seeking [a California Policy Associate](#). The Associate reports directly to the AFT California Policy Manager and will work in AFT's Sacramento office. Frequent travel in the San Joaquin Valley and the greater Bay Area may be required in order to advance AFT's mission of protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land. The Associate will collaborate closely with other AFT staff in California and nationally as appropriate and is broadly responsible for advancing the mission of the organization through policy research and advocacy, public communications, project management, and fundraising. They are seeking a candidate with a BA or BS degree, plus five years related work experience in agriculture, farmland protection, land conservation, land use planning or environmental policy. Experience may be replaced with an advanced degree in a related field (Public Policy, Agriculture, Environment).



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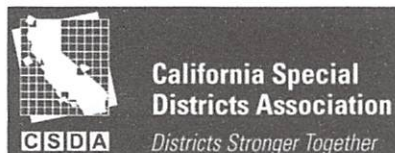
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July 30, 2019



If You Want to Change the Law, Now's Your Chance

Is your district facing an issue that could potentially be resolved through statewide legislation? Do you have an idea to create, improve, or eliminate a law affecting special districts throughout the state? CSDA is inviting special districts to submit ideas for legislation that could potentially be selected as a CSDA sponsored bill for the 2020 legislative year. Share your legislative proposal with the CSDA Advocacy team by completing and submitting the 2020 Legislative Proposal Submission Form. [READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

New Guide Published to Equip Special District Leaders for Public and Legislative Outreach

In coordination with CSDA's District NetWorks Workshop series on Essential Communications, CSDA has published a new guide as an overview of the many ways special district leaders can engage with the individuals and institutions that shape

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In partnership with the California School Boards Association (CSBA), CSDA is offering actuarial services for non-pension retirement benefits. Special districts with fewer than 100 active participants may be able to apply the simplified Alternative Measurement Method (AMM). Through this unique process,

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Great Sessions for Board Members at Annual Conference

Are you a board member and not sure which sessions to attend? The CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase offers several breakout and workshop sessions for board members including, "The Board and GM Working Together to Optimize the District – A 5-Step

how their district operates and how it is perceived in their community. [Take Action: Engaging with Your Community and Legislators](#), is now available to CSDA members for free download under the Publications and Reference Materials within the Knowledge Base at CSDA.net.

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Advocacy News: Governor Newsom to Sign Clean Drinking Water Legislation

The Office of Governor Newsom has announced that the governor will sign Senate Bill 200 (Monning) at a signing ceremony in Sanger, California. [READ MORE](#)

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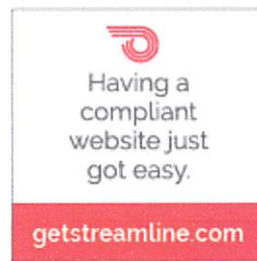
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DO YOU KNOW YOUR DISTRICT'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND GUIDELINES?

With 3,000 conservation districts across the country, there's no shortage of success stories, district updates and more. Many districts use some form of social media channel (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and/or LinkedIn) to share what they're up to.

As an employee, you are probably familiar with the type of content your district posts and shares, but **did you know that your district may have specific guidelines for posting content?** Do you know who in your district has administrative responsibilities/roles when it comes to posting content?

NACD recently created a [Social Media Guidelines and Best Practices document](#) meant to assist districts and board members in best social media practices when it comes to posting content and engaging online. These guidelines will help districts either create their own social media policy or build on and strengthen their existing policy. Establishing a social media policy for your conservation district's social media channels is important in maintaining a consistent brand and image.

There are several important questions to consider when it comes to developing a social media policy for your district:

- **What is the process** for posting content on a district-sponsored social media account?
- **What existing modes of communications** does your district have? How do your social media channels engage/interact with these other modes of communication?

Last Day to Submit CIG Proposals

On May 30, USDA announced \$12.5 million in funding through 'classic,' national Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG). **Today is the final day to submit your proposal!**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will accept proposals through **July 30**, and all U.S.-based non-federal entities and individuals are eligible to apply.

2019 CIG priorities are increasing the pace and scale of conservation adoption; water quantity; pollinator habitat; and urban agriculture. This funding program is distinct from the \$25 million announced on May 15 for on-farm conservation innovation trials.

Visit NACD's [2018 Farm Bill implementation webpage](#) for more information.

Competition Heats Up as 2019 NCF-Envirothon Is Underway

- **Who are your main audiences right now, and who do you need to reach in the future?**

To read the rest of this [blog](#), and other Did You Know? blogs, visit [NACD's website](#).



DOI DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO SPEAK AT SUMMER MEETING

The U.S. Department of Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management **Dr. Andrea Travnick** will address meeting attendees during the NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour luncheon next **Monday, Aug. 5**, in Santa Fe, N.M.

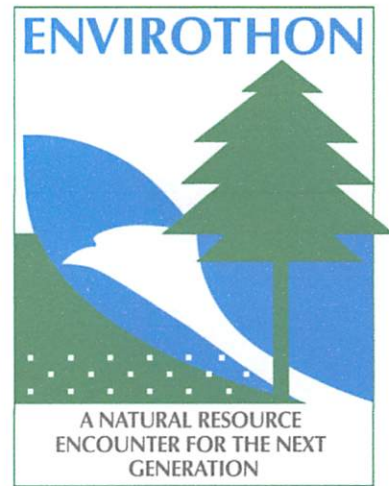


Dr. Travnick has over 15 years of research and work experience within the natural resources, energy, agriculture, trade, disaster response and recovery, communication, aviation and public policy fields. She has worked with the Department of the Interior since July 2017. As the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Land Management, she assists the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management with overseeing the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Dr. Travnick holds a Ph.D. in Natural Resources Management/Communication from North Dakota State University (NDSU), where her research focused on social networks and stakeholders associated with lake management in Minnesota.

To learn more about Dr. Travnick and the other summer meeting speakers, [visit NACD's website](#).

Visit NACD's summer meeting [webpage](#) to learn more about meeting details. Meeting registration is **still open**, and on-site registration will begin this **Friday, Aug. 2, at 3:00 p.m.**



The 2019 NCF-Envirothon International Competition kicked-off Sunday at North Carolina State University, hosted by North Carolina Envirothon.

The competition requires students to showcase their knowledge of environment, natural resource and conservation topics, including this year's current issue topic, **"Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge and Technology to feed the world."**

On Monday, students had one final day of training sessions to sharpen their skills before beginning their competitive events on Tuesday. The competition will run until Friday, Aug. 2, when the winning teams will be announced during the banquet and awards ceremony.

Stay up-to-date on this year's competition by following the NCF-Envirothon [Facebook](#) page.

Have You Checked Out NACD's August Recess Guide?

NACD HOLDS SECOND LISTENING SESSION IN OKLAHOMA

On Tuesday, July 23, conservation district leaders and partners gathered in Thackerville, Okla., for the second in a series of NACD listening sessions. The session was held in conjunction with the 2019 NACD South Central Region Annual Meeting.



Nearly 50 attendees listened as South Central Region Board Chair **David Daigle** began the session with a welcome and encouraged attendees to participate in the discussions and surveys. **NACD President Tim Palmer** (pictured above), provided an in-depth look at the mission and service values that NACD offers soil and water conservation districts across the country. Topics of discussion included what the conservation partnership might look like moving forward, how changes in farm bill funding and programs will affect conservation districts, and why it is important to be involved in the advocacy of conservation goals both locally and in Washington, D.C.

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

CONSERVATION LEADERS GATHER IN PENNSYLVANIA FOR SWCS CONFERENCE

On Sunday, July 28, over 400 conservation partners met in Pittsburgh, Pa., for the 74th Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS)'s International Annual Conference. The three-day conference is focused on the theme, "Bridging the Divide: Uniting Rural and Urban Landscapes for Conservation."



NACD President Tim Palmer (pictured above, center) was a featured speaker in a plenary session where he stressed the importance of soil health systems to achieve environmental and economic goals. He participated in a Farmers First panel that explored the future of farming and conservation in both urban and rural settings.

NACD August Recess Guide to Grassroots Engagement

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

With August recess underway in the House and beginning Monday in the Senate, your local Congressional representatives are headed back to your district and state and looking to meet with their constituents.

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

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

NACD's guide provides aspects of a successful meeting to consider during planning, as well as strategies for how to reach out to your elected representative. Please let [NACD's staff](#) know when you schedule a meeting or event.

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

If you have any questions about NACD's advocacy efforts, please contact NACD Director of Government Affairs **Coleman Garrison** at coleman-garrison@nacdn.org.



booth.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief Matt Lohr was the keynote speaker for the session. NACD was also represented at the meeting by Projects and Partnerships Coordinator Meg Leader (pictured second from left), who staffed NACD's information

Deadline Extended: Register for CTIC's Conservation in Action Tour

The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) has extended the registration deadline to **Friday, Aug. 2**, for its 12th annual Conservation in Action Tour held Aug. 20-21 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The tour, entitled "Conservation at the Leading Edge," will explore conservation systems in central Iowa. Participants from across the country will visit farms, attend demonstrations, and hear from a wide range of speakers to gain a comprehensive look at how Iowa farmers are using conservation farming systems to achieve the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy goals.

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

AUGUST U&C WEBINAR FOCUSES ON URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT TOOLS

The next NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation webinar, scheduled for **12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Eastern on Aug. 15, 2019**, will focus on urban water management tools.

The **Eaton Conservation District** in Michigan will present its state [Water Stewardship Program website](#), which evolved in 2010 out of the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program. This website is a resource for all Michigan residents to learn how to protect their water resources. It is separated into three target audiences: residents, youth and educators. Within each topic are tools and resources to help the audience understand water quality and learn ways to protect it. The site also features sections on local resources and green news. Interesting analytics of the first nine years will be discussed along with the process of launching a new, updated website.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will showcase the 'How's My Waterway 2.0' application that is currently under development and expected to be released later this year. This tool provides information about the conditions of local streams, lakes and other waters anywhere in the U.S. It is based on data states have provided to EPA on a two-year cycle as well as information about water quality monitoring, restoration plans and drinking water. How's My Waterway is being designed to answer the questions: "How's My Drinking Water?," "Can I Fish?," and "Can I Swim?".

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@nacdn.net with your name, title, district or business name, state and email address. Information to access the webinar will be sent by email.

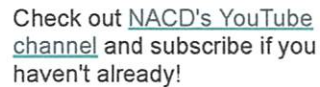
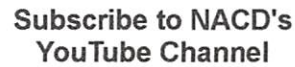
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The executive director will support the state's 45 conservation districts and 225 local, voluntary conservation district supervisors. He or she will be solely responsible to provide overall leadership of daily operations and management of the organization.

Read the full job description on NACD's [job board webpage](#). Completed applications must be submitted by mail or email to



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Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to open registration for the [74th Annual California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Conference](#). We hope you will join us!

The conference will be located in Redding, California at the Sheraton Redding Hotel at the Sundial Bridge from November 12th to 15th, and is generously co-hosted by the Western Shasta RCD and the RCD of Tehama County.

Please contact Kiko with any questions by emailing kiko-barr@carcd.org or calling (916) 836-4804. We look forward to seeing you in November!

Register Here TODAY

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Tuesday, November 12 - RCD Capacity Day and 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 conservation tours

We have limited capacity for this year's conference. We do not expect to have walk-in registrations available, so please register in advance to ensure your attendance.

Book your room

Group rates start at \$128+tax

Rates are available for the nights of Monday (11/11), Tuesday (11/12), Wednesday (11/13), and Thursday (11/14)

Sponsor the Conference

We believe that voluntary, locally-led conservation is the key to ensuring thriving landscapes and adaptable communities for all Californians. If you feel the same, please join us today by becoming a sponsor of the 74th Annual CARCD Conference in Redding. This is an exciting opportunity to gain recognition for the work that you do, network with like-minded professionals, and promote the visibility of your organization or business. We look forward to sharing your story with our network!



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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

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:

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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

UPDATE: Campbell Foundation General Support Grants

Because of CARCD's connection with the Campbell Foundation and their generous funding of our efforts, they have specifically invited RCDs to [apply for their current round of General Support funding](#). Please note that on the Frequently Asked Questions page, it states that eligible entities must have 501(c)3 status and that fiscally sponsored projects will not be accepted; however, the Campbell Foundation is making an exception and *RCDs are eligible and encouraged to apply*.

Any RCD that has not received funding from the Campbell Foundation before can apply for \$10,000 for General Support. The Campbell Foundation is accepting proposals for all subject areas and types of programs. The deadline to apply is August 31. If you are planning to apply for this grant opportunity you can use CARCD's non-profit tax ID. Please contact [Sara Schremmer](#) with any questions.

CDFA Climate Smart Agriculture TA Funding

CDFA is now accepting applications for [2019 Climate Smart Agriculture \(CSA\) Technical Assistance Funding](#). Funds awarded through this competitive grant process will be distributed to Resource Conservation Districts, the University of California Cooperative Extension, and nonprofit organizations with demonstrated technical expertise in designing and implementing agricultural management practices to support CDFA's 2019 CSA incentive programs. Eligible organizations may request up to \$120,000 to provide technical assistance to applicants and awardees of the 2019 Alternative Manure Management Program and the 2019 Healthy Soils Program. Applications are due August 30 at 5pm. Please reach out to Kristen Murphy at kristen-murphy@carcd.org or (916) 520-9404 with any questions.

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 501(c)3 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.

RCD News

Sierra RCD Awarded Two Grants

Congratulations to Sierra RCD, recently awarded a California Department of Conservation grant and a CAL FIRE grant. DOC awarded the RCD \$235,000 to establish a Southern Sierra Forest Health Watershed Program that covers the upper San Joaquin, Kings and other watersheds down to the upper Kern River. \$3.93 million of funding from CAL FIRE will go in support of their California Climate Initiative Forest Health program over the next 32 months. This is in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service within and adjoining the High Sierra District of the Sierra National Forest.

Save the Date Carbon Farm Planning Training

The East Stanislaus RCD will be hosting a Carbon Farm Planning Training on October 3 at Bowles Farm near Los Banos in Merced County. The training is sponsored by the Carbon Farming Network. Specifics will be announced at a later date. CARCD has a scholarship fund for RCD staff travel, registration fees, and other needs. Contact Kristen at kristen-murphy@carcd.org or (916) 520-9404 for more details.

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

Sonoma RCD's workshop [Range Tailgate 2: Cows, Compost + Carbon](#) will be 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 on a private 300-acre ranch owned by the Sonoma Mountain Institute, with the goal to 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 on both treatment and control plots, 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. [The flyer can be found here.](#)

If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at 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

NACD Webinar on Urban Water Management Tools

Urban Water Management Tools is the focus of the NACD Urban and Community Conservation webinar scheduled for 9am to 10am PST (12pm to 1pm EST) on August 15. The Eaton Conservation District in Michigan will present their state [Water Stewardship Program Website](#), which evolved in 2010 out of the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will showcase the 'How's My Waterway 2.0' application that is currently under development and expected to be released later this year. [Register in advance](#) to access the webinar. Contact Deb at deb-bogar@nacdn.org with any questions.

Job Announcements

Yolo RCD Seeking Project Assistant

The Yolo RCD is seeking a dedicated professional to be [their project assistant](#). This person will assist RCD project managers in implementing conservation projects, carrying out field activities, site monitoring and data collection. Field and office work is split about 80/20. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of agricultural practices and experience in restoration planning and native vegetation management. Applications are accepted through Friday, August 30. Please see [their job announcement for details on applying](#).



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Hi RCDs,

Below is a great question "if RCDs that had the previous TA contracts are eligible to apply for the new one?"
Please see the answer below:

1. The SWEEP program did not receive any new funding in the latest budget (19-20), but we do still have some money to expend from the appropriation that came to SWEEP in the 18-19 budget. For this reason CDFA will be utilizing the existing contracts for technical assistance when CDFA has the next SWEEP application period - expected this fall. The technical assistance would be limited to what was covered in the current agreements, essentially the application assistance. Post-award technical assistance won't be covered.
2. The HSP program and AMMP program both received new funding in the new fiscal year (19-20). This means that for these two programs CDFA needs to follow the new TA program for which we are currently accepting applications. Any organizations that wish to receive grant funding for TA for HSP and/or AMMP in the coming year need to apply for funding through the application that is open right now. CDFA **WILL NOT** utilize the existing contracts for these groups.

To summarize - the TA Grant Program is currently open and available for HSP and AMMP, and you DO need to apply for this new round if you'd like to continue providing outreach, application assistance, and pre- post- award TA. There is no SWEEP TA funding. However, those that have existing CDFA SWEEP TA funds can use them in the upcoming solicitation.

Please contact me with any more questions.

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On Wed, Jul 31, 2019 at 12:35 PM <programs@eaststanrcd.org> wrote:

Hey Kristen,

Do you happen to know if RCDs that had the previous TA contracts are eligible to apply for the new one?

Thank you,

Trina Walley
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Hello RCDs,

The Technical Assistance Program for Climate Smart Ag Programs for CDFA has arrived! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need any assistance. CARCD is happy to provide any support we can to make these process and program successful for you.

Good luck on your applications!

Kristen Murphy

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CDFA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING

SACRAMENTO, July 30, 2019 - The California Department of Food and Agriculture is now accepting applications for 2019 Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Technical Assistance Funding. Funds awarded through this competitive grant process will be distributed to Resource Conservation Districts, the University of California Cooperative Extension, and nonprofit organizations with demonstrated technical expertise in designing and implementing agricultural management practices to support CDFA's 2019 CSA incentive programs.

Eligible organizations may request up to \$120,000 to provide technical assistance to applicants and awardees of the 2019 Alternative Manure Management Program and the 2019 Healthy Soils Program. A description of the technical assistance program and links to the application materials can be found at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/technical/index.html>.

Applications are due August 30, 2019 at 5 p.m. PT. Late applications will not be accepted.

"Our technical assistance partners have proven so valuable to the success of the Climate Smart Agriculture Programs,"

said CDFA Secretary Karen Ross, "I'm pleased we can expand their roles, continue to use their expertise and provide ongoing technical assistance for three years to farmers and ranchers in California".

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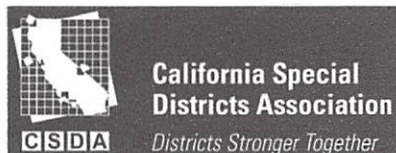
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Chico Workshop: Personalized Professional Media Training

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 6, 2019



CSDA Board of Directors Seat B Electronic Ballot Voting Ends August 9!

The designated contact for each district received an email from CSDA vote@simplyvoting.com. The email provided a direct link to the secure voting system called Simply Voting. This link provides the elector ID number and password, access to the ballot, and candidate information. The deadline is August 9. Questions? Email Amber Phelen or call 916-442-7887.

TAKE ACTION

Is a Resolution Adopting New Water Service Fees Subject to Voter Referendum?

On June 14, a California Court of Appeal ruled that a resolution adopted by an agency for new rates for its water service fees is not subject to voter referendum. In *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association v. Amador Water Agency*, the court affirmed that the referendum power in the

MEMBER RESOURCES

CalTRUST Liquidity Fund Assigned 'AAAm' Rating

The CalTRUST Liquidity Fund continues to grow and is an exciting investment option offering [CalTRUST](#) participants a stable NAV fund option. S&P Global Ratings has assigned its 'AAAm' principal stability fund rating on the Liquidity Fund, a rating achieved through conservative

ICMA COACHING

How Do I Get Everyone's Commitment?

Often, when leaders seek buy-in, they minimize the concerns of others. To help get staff energized about the challenge, you must first recognize certain realities. [READ MORE](#) of this Career Compass #74 column by Coaching Program Partners ICMA.

California Constitution does not apply to "statutes providing for tax levies," and concluded that the term "tax" as used in the general referendum provision includes water service fees. The Court understood that permitting referenda could impair the ability of local governments functions.

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investment practices and strict internal controls.

Characteristics of the Liquidity Fund include:

Stable Net Asset Value (NAV)

Liquidity: Same Day Liquidity

Cut-Off Time: 12:00pm PST

Maximum Duration: 60 days

S&P Rating: AAAM ([S&P Press Release](#))

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Attend their FREE upcoming coaching program webinar, "Grappling with Gnarly Issues —How Local Government Can Help" on **Wednesday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. PT.** These coaching programs are free and participants need not be ICMA members. Participants must register in advance.

[Register Here](#)



SDRMA Keynote Speaker at CSDA's Annual Conference

The SDRMA general session, with keynote Erik Qualman will be interactive and entertaining. This session showcases habits that drive success and happiness for your employees, partners and constituents. In addition to the keynote speaker, SDRMA members are able to earn CIPs at conference. Members can attend the SDLA Governance Foundations pre-conference workshop, and attend the full conference to earn CIPs.

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Congratulations to these recent SDLF program recipients!

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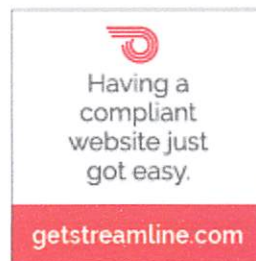
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Summer Meeting Photos Available Online

A [gallery of photos](#) from the 2019 Summer Conservation Forum and Tour is available on [NACD's Flickr page](#).

Photos can be downloaded and utilized by all conservation districts, state and territory associations and meeting attendees.

NCF LAUNCHES NGLI APPLICATION PERIOD

If your actions inspire others to
*dream more, learn more,
do more and become more -*
you are a **leader**.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



ICYMI: Concurrent Session Takeaways

During the 2019 NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour Luncheon, National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Chairman

Steve Robinson announced the opening of the application period 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 the National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) regions.

"The NCF has championed the development of future leaders of conservation since its inception," **Robinson said**. "We are excited to formally launch the NGLI application process today and look forward to working side-by-side with the inaugural participants to advance conservation leadership."

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

To read the full press release, [visit NACD's newsroom](#). To learn more about the program, visit www.nacdnet.org/NCF-Next-Gen. Applications are due **Friday, Sept. 20, 2019**.

SUMMER MEETING SPEAKERS DISCUSS CONSERVATION, LEADERSHIP



The Conservation Forum on Monday, Aug. 5, featured a diverse line-up of speakers.

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture and President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) **Jeff Witte** (pictured above) welcomed meeting attendees to the state. "We live in an amazing state, and it's because of some of the work that you all do," **he said**. Witte described the state's acequias, calling them "the custom and the culture of this state." On Tuesday's Conservation Tours, NACD meeting participants will get to view acequias firsthand.

Farm Bill Program Implementation

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) **Deputy Chief Jimmy Bramblett** gave an overview of how the 2018 Farm Bill is affecting NRCS' conservation programs, as well as the timeline for input and implementation.

Building the Capacity and Coordination to Market Conservation Districts

Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC)'s Communications Coordinator **Laura Johnson** and NACD Board Member **Doug Rushton** gave an overview of the living marketing toolkit created by the SCC for conservation districts. Through their work, they have created templates, a branding kit, talking points and more to help the 45 districts in the state champion their collective mission.

Local Work Group Training – Powering Up Your Local Work Group; Conservation Application Ranking Tool (CART)

Ray Ledgerwood and **Aaron Lauster** led a session on how to re-energize Local Work Groups (LWG) in order for participants to provide input on USDA and state conservation Programs. Participants also learned more about the NRCS Conservation Application Ranking Tool (CART) application.

Invasive Species: Education to Eradication (Eventually) and Western Governors' Biosecurity and Invasive Species Initiative: Outcomes and Next Steps

Otero SWCD's Victoria Milne and **Western Governors' Association's Bill Witacre** led a session on how to identify and develop an invasive species program, starting with a summary and discussion of the Western Governors' Association's Biosecurity and Invasive Species Initiative and the resulting policy. Participants then learned how to put the plan to action.

Watershed Restoration on the Canadian River



Meeting attendees also learned about the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts' (NMACD) Conservation Officials Leadership Training (COLT) program and the Restore New Mexico initiative.

The COLT program began in 2018 through a grant from NACD and NRCS to administer a new leadership development program, to locate and identify younger, next generation district supervisors who have an interest in broadening their horizons and assuming greater leadership roles. COLT panelists described the program as a success, with two of the ten program participants serving in a national leadership capacity and several others in leadership roles within New Mexico.

Speaking about engaging new, younger audiences in conservation, COLT participant from Southwest Quay SWCD and the NMACD Region 5 Vice Chair **Kandy Hutchins (pictured)** said, "We have a lot of knowledge and wisdom that comes from our historical base and who we are, but we have to share that and pass that down. We have to continue that message and share who we are. What we do matters."

The panelists described how the COLT program helped to engage them and get them involved in the decision making process. **Casey Spradley** from Cuba SWCD described how she became a COLT participant after one conversation. "The goal of conservation is to provide for the future," **she said**. "To get the next generation involved, all it takes is a question."

NMACD Executive Director **Debbie Hughes** described the Restore New Mexico initiative, and how the state has partnered with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help put conservation on the ground in the state, reviving grasslands and wildlife habitat, thinning forests, and restoring acequias.

New Mexico State Representative **Jack Chatfield** discussed the chemical treatment of salt cedar, an invasive species that is spreading rapidly across the Southwest.

Riparian Restoration on the Rio Grande

Nyleen Troxel Stowe and **Will Kolbensschlag** from the **Socorro SWCD** introduced the Canadian River Riparian Restoration Project, which began in 2004 with 21 state and federal agencies involved, and is organized around the eight SWCDs that make up the Canadian River Watershed. Since then, it has established a monitoring program, mapped over 880,000 acres of riparian areas, and treated over 33,000 acres of salt cedar.

Life is Better in the Shade: Preventing Water Loss in Your Stock Tank

Through a cost-share program, **Roosevelt SWCD** in Portales, N.M. has been conducting research using "shade balls" on livestock water tanks since 2015. Roosevelt SWCD's **Mike Cone** discussed how the district has found measurable decreases in algae, debris, weeds, ice formation, and most importantly - water evaporation.

Sierra SWCD Cost Share Program: Helping People Help the Land

Soil and water conservation districts work in many ways to assist private landowners. **Sierra SWCD's Travis Day** led the session by describing the district's cost-share program aimed to help landowners implement conservation, from fencing to ditches to erosion control and livestock water facilities; household programs like low flow toilets; and grade stabilization.

Pecos Watershed Initiative

Retired New Mexico Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director **Jesse Juan** and **Norman Vigil** discussed the challenge of landscape-scale conservation when it comes to covering various land ownership statuses such as BLM, Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, state and private. **Vigil** described the Pecos Watershed Initiative, which



During the forum, meeting attendees also had the chance to hear from representatives across the conservation delivery partnership.

Department of Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management **Dr. Andrea Travnicek** (pictured above) discussed the department's relocation of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) headquarters, wildfires and land management, public lands and the ongoing partnership with conservation districts nationwide. Travnicek encouraged district officials to reach out to the agency, saying, "You're involved in the decision making process."



Forum attendees also had the opportunity to hear from Western Landowners Alliance **Executive Director Lesli Allison** (pictured above).

Allison has helped champion the New Mexico House Bill 204, the Healthy Soils Act, and works with private landowners to improve conservation on working lands. Allison has worked throughout her career to champion conservation, implementing progressive conservation management through award-winning programs in restoration forestry, prescribed fire, grazing, stream restoration, hunting and wildlife management, and scientific research and monitoring.

collected data farmer by farmer to determine treatments to regrow grasslands and eradicate invasive species.

Implementing the Alternative Funding Arrangement at the Local Level

Marcos Valdez led the session by discussing the benefits of using the alternative funding agreement (AFA) with NRCS, as well as introducing the RCPP program, which granted \$3.2 million to build resiliency in Rio Chama/San Juan Watershed. Over 19 partners contributed, totaling \$13.4 million. Valdez explained how through match-funding and partnership building, large-scale conservation can be achieved.

Engaging Youth in Urban Agriculture and Environmental Education

Valencia SWCD's Allison Martin

Allison Martin led the session by discussing how the district engages local youth by taking them to the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area, a 97-acre conservation area, allowing local students to learn about the nature around them. From January-May 2019, over 1,500 students visited from 20 local school grades K-12. "We're trying to enforce using outdoor spaces as classrooms," said Martin.

Urban Ag Demo and Backyard Farms

Dona Ana SWCD's Jennifer Kleitz and Backyard Farms' Rachel Ryan

Jennifer Kleitz and Rachel Ryan led the session by introducing the urban ag demo program, a result of an NACD Urban Ag Grant, which creates a space for underserved populations to learn how to grow their own food.

Empowering Youth Through Conservation Education and New Mexico Envirothon

San Juan SWCD's Melissa May and Andy Bleckinger and Taos SWCD's Peter Vigil

Melissa May, Andy Bleckinger, and Peter Vigil led the session by describing how their two districts teach future generations about conservation. Vigil introduced the New Mexico Envirothon and its mission to instill a passion for conservation in young leaders.



The forum concluded with remarks from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) **Chief Matt Lohr** (pictured). Lohr provided an update on farm bill implementation, discussed why leadership is so important, and applauded the work of the nation's conservation districts day in and day out.

Lohr told attendees "We in conservation have an amazing opportunity to make such a big difference on the people we come in contact with...Our smallest actions can have the biggest impacts."

NACD BOARD MEETINGS UNITE CONSERVATION LEADERS TO DISCUSS OUTLOOK OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



For NACD's Board of Directors, the Summer Conservation Forum and Tour began on Saturday, Aug. 3, with a business meeting. Saturday's meeting began with a New Mexico welcome from the New Mexico state legislature Speaker of the House **Brian Egolf** (pictured).

Forest Management and Why it is Important

Retired New Mexico State Forester **Anthony Delfin** discussed how forest management impacts communities in many ways, where forests provide water, wood, recreation and habitat for wildlife.

Woodland Thinning Partners on Private Land

The **East Torrance SWCD's Ken Leiting** discussed the vastness of New Mexico's partnerships due to the numerous land ownership statuses throughout the state. Leiting introduced the Estancia Basin Watershed Health, Restoration and Monitoring Project, which was founded in 2002 and sought to maintain the health and vigor of forests, protect wildlife and improve the productivity and health of the watershed.

Next Generation Leadership Institute

The Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) is a new program of the National Conservation Foundation (NCF). **Ray Ledgerwood** and **Patricia Lardie** led the session by describing the program and how it prepares conservation leaders to protect the future of our natural resources.

Sustainable Soil Systems

Ken and Linda Scheffe kicked off the session by defining healthy soil as a complex and multifaceted term, that is in a constant state of change. Sustainable soil systems provide ecological function for the whole farm and watershed, where methods include minimizing or eliminating tillage, maintaining ground cover year-round by using cover crops and mulches, and rotational grazing.

Rainfall Simulator

Brenda Simpson utilized a rainfall simulator to demonstrate five soil systems and how they're interrelated, as well as the symbiotic relationship between the plants and the soils. "Soil diversity is inevitable, but you can prepare for it," **Simpson** said.

NACD President Tim Palmer discussed NACD's Listening Sessions and encouraged district officials to attend. "Your voice matters," **he said**. "Your feedback helps us as a national association guide our programs and events." NACD has hosted three regional listening sessions, one in Gothenburg, Neb., in June, one in Thackerville, Okla., in July, and a Southwest/Pacific Region Listening Session on Aug. 4 in Santa Fe. NACD will host three additional listening sessions throughout the coming months, concluding in West Virginia in October.

Palmer also encouraged board members to consult [NACD's August Recess Guide to Grassroots Engagement](#) and host congressional representatives in their home conservation districts to learn more about the work they do to improve the local landscape and natural resources.

On Sunday, NACD's Board of Directors heard from a panel on the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCPP) and a panel featuring the national association's region chairs. The NCPP is made up of NACD, NRCS, the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA), the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA), and the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (NARC&DC). The panel described the work of the NCPP to advance conservation planning as a team.

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Mapping waters for recreation, an updated SE Flows Report, new webinars, and funding opportunities.

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RIVER VOICES

AUGUST 2019 ISSUE

A photograph of several sailboats on a river, with trees and a bridge in the background. The image is used as a background for a promotional banner.

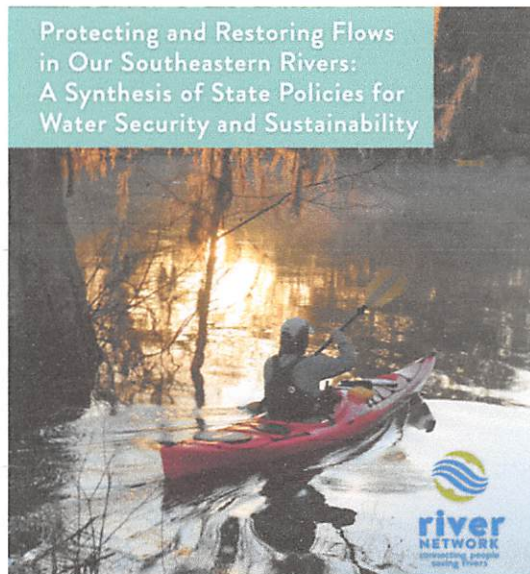
MAPPING WATERS FOR RECREATION
River Network's new Delaware Basin story map illustrates Clean Water Act "designated" waters for swimming and aquatic life in the basin, translating regulatory details into actionable information.

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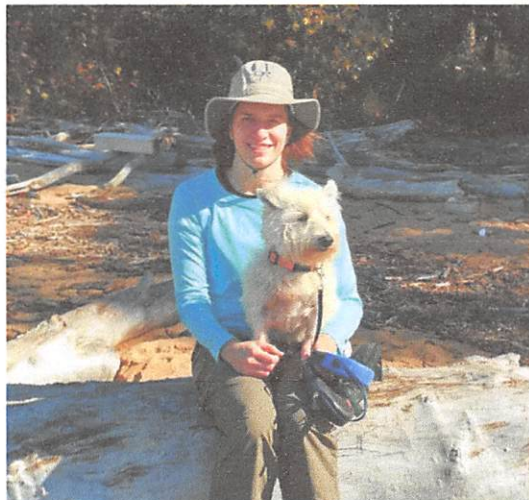
What's more refreshing than jumping into a river or lake on a hot August day? In many urban areas, we are seeing a resurgence of interest in recreation on waters that have long been considered off limits due to decades of negative impacts. River Network, with support from the **William Penn Foundation**, has developed an interactive story map to illustrate "designated" waters for

swimming and aquatic life in the basin, translating regulatory details into digestible information organizations can use in their day-to-day work. See the full [Delaware Basin story map here](#), and [read more about the story it tells](#).

Update: What's Changed in the Southeastern Flows Report



Rivers in the southeastern US are special places. Over the last three years, since the first edition of the "[Protecting and Restoring Flows in Our Southeastern Rivers – A Synthesis of State Policies for Water Security and Sustainability](#)" report, much has changed, though the threats and challenges facing the rivers and people who depend on them remain. [Read about these changes, threats, and challenges](#).



Meet Our Team

Meet [Brenna Goggin](#), our Mid-Atlantic Leadership Development Manager. For over a decade, Brenna has educated environmental orgs on



Rally 2020 Call for Proposals

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

professional advocacy, best practices for advocacy campaigns, and utilizing advocacy strategies for maximum results.

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

toward a sustainable and equitable water future? River Network is accepting workshop and field trip proposals for River Rally 2020 in San Antonio, TX until October 1.

[Submit your proposal today.](#)

Upcoming Webinars & Events

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

Innovative Financing for Green Infrastructure: Waves in Water Funding

August 20th 1:00–2:30 pm EST. In the fourth of a 4-part webinar series, Stacey Isaac Berahzer will provide an overview of the evolving use of green infrastructure for water quality management nationally. We will share examples of how some traditional financing sources, such as the State Revolving Funds and local utility capital improvement plans, are now used to fund green infrastructure (GI) projects. *Free webinar.* [Register.](#)

Register to Attend the Delaware River Watershed Forum in October

Inspired by the Delaware Basin story map and want to get involved in the watershed? Registration is now open for the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed's annual conference in Allentown, PA, held at the Renaissance Allentown Hotel on October 16 and 17. Workshops and speakers will focus on topics such as water quality, agriculture, community engagement, equity, and environmental policy.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Announcing Our Partnership with Ball

We are proud to announce a new partnership with the Ball Corporation! Over the next year, we will provide funding and support for five local organizations to host volunteer events that clean up communities and highlight the

benefits of recycling.

Learn more about Ball's sustainability programs [here](#).



Network Reflections from River Rally 2019

Many individuals across the network have been reflecting on River Rally. Read about the [Fair Farms approach](#) from Waterkeepers Chesapeake, the [Urban Waters Learning Forum workshop](#) on addressing racial equity in environmental spaces, the achievements of Urban Waters award winners [Gail Heffner and Dave Warners](#), and [reflections from first-time attendee Kate Fritz](#).

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Bringing Riverside County residents watershed news and updates!

Spoil Your Pups This Summer

August 26th is National Dog Day and that gives you another day to celebrate your pup. Here are ways to protect watersheds while spoiling your doggo during the hottest weeks of summer!

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Stargazing at Hurkey Creek Park is Out of This World

Continuing August 16th, the Temecula Valley Astronomers will be at Hurkey Creek Park Amphitheater and will give a stargazing experience like none other.

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Get Involved in River Rally 2020!



Do you have practical knowledge and experience related to one of **this year's River Rally themes**? Could your knowledge help someone working on similar challenges in another setting, geography, or organization? **If so, we need you.**

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.

Proposals must be submitted by Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

[Learn more and submit your proposal](#)



Each year, up to five individuals are selected as **River Heroes** and are honored and celebrated at River Rally. Awardees are exceptional due to their significant and extraordinary work related to river conservation and/or water advocacy. Their achievements relate to the **key issues** fundamental to solving today's water crisis and expanding our understanding of the evolving social context of water.

Nomination Criteria

The River Heroes Award recognizes individuals working for healthy rivers and clean water who:

- Go above and beyond the call of duty in their commitment to river conservation and/or watershed advocacy,
- Bring people together to solve water problems related to the **key issues**,
- Seek solutions that are inclusive and equitable, and
- Inspire and help others to make a difference.

Nomination Instructions

Submit your nomination materials through the **online nomination form** before Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Nominations must include background information, contextual information, accomplishments, and award qualifications of the individual you are nominating, along with three letters of support from members of the community.

Nominate a River Hero today



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2019 marks CSDA's 50th Anniversary – you won't want to miss out on all that we have in store for you this year – a celebration like this won't happen again for another 50 years!

[CSDA's Annual Conference](#) has a proven record of providing some of the best educational opportunities for elected/appointed officials and district staff. There is currently limited space available for pre-conference workshops and the pre-conference tour at the Orange County Water District.

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- Attend specialized workshops and sessions designed to address your needs
- Network with other attendees and industry suppliers

- Make new contacts and maintain key relationships
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Don't forget - you need to [register](#) for conference first in order to receive a link to make your hotel room reservations. We can't wait to see you in Anaheim this fall!



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The [Special District Leadership Foundation](#) (SDLF) has scholarship funds available for districts with budgets of under \$8 million. [Click here](#) to download an application. The next application submission deadline is **August 15, 2019**.



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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

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

California Sea Grant State Fellowship Program

The Delta Stewardship Council will host [four California Sea Grant State Fellows](#) for a one year paid fellowship beginning in early 2020. The California Sea Grant State Fellows Program provides a unique educational opportunity for graduate students close to completing their degree, or who have recently graduated, who are interested in marine, coastal, and/or watershed resources as well as in the decisions affecting those resources in California. Applications are due by 5pm on September 2.

UPDATE: Campbell Foundation General Support Grants

Because of CARCD's connection with the Campbell Foundation and their generous funding of our efforts, they have specifically invited RCDs to [apply for their current round of General Support funding](#). Please note that on the Frequently Asked Questions page, it states that eligible entities must have 501(c)3 status and that fiscally sponsored projects will not be accepted; however, the Campbell Foundation is making an exception and *RCDs are eligible and encouraged to apply*.

Any RCD that has not received funding from the Campbell Foundation before can apply for \$10,000 for General Support. The Campbell Foundation is accepting proposals for all subject areas and types of programs. The deadline to apply is August 31. If you are planning to apply for this grant opportunity you can use CARCD's non-profit tax ID. Please contact [Sara Schremmer](#) with any questions.

CDFA Climate Smart Agriculture TA Funding

CDFA is now accepting applications for [2019 Climate Smart Agriculture \(CSA\) Technical Assistance Funding](#). Funds awarded through this competitive grant process will be distributed to Resource Conservation Districts, the University of California Cooperative Extension, and nonprofit organizations with demonstrated technical expertise in designing and implementing agricultural management practices to support CDFA's 2019 CSA incentive programs. Eligible organizations may request up to \$120,000 to provide technical assistance to applicants and awardees of the 2019 Alternative Manure Management Program and the 2019 Healthy Soils Program. Applications are due August 30 at 5pm. Please reach out to Kristen Murphy at kristen-murphy@carcd.org or (916) 520-9404 with any questions.

RCD News

Carbon Farm Planning Training

The Carbon Farming Network is hosting their 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. RCDs can contact Kristen at kristen-murphy@carcd.org or (916) 520-9404 for information on financial assistance for registration and travel costs. [Registration can be found here.](#) [Please share this flyer to interested parties.](#)

Napa County RCD's WILD Napa Lecture on Squirrels

Napa County RCD will be hosting [their next WILD Napa lecture](#) on Wednesday, August 14 from 7pm to 8pm at the Napa County Library (580 Coombs St, Napa, California 94559). Their guest speaker will identify which tree and ground squirrel species are found in the Napa area, provide information on the natural history of these species, and detail how damage caused by these squirrel species can be managed in California.

Napa County RCD's Napa River Cleanup

Napa County RCD will be hosting [their Napa River Cleanup](#) on August 17 from 9:30am to 11:30am at Tulucay Creek Tidal Area (meet at the entrance to the Vine Trail at the end of Hartle Court). Volunteers will help keep the river clean by picking up litter.

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

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 August 23. Recipients will be recognized at the CARCD Annual Conference.

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

UC SAREP Review Survey

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources [is requesting survey participation](#) by partners for a 10-year review of University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. Responses are confidential. Please respond by end of day on Friday, August 16. For technical questions about completing this survey, please contact Kit Alviz at 510-987-0027; kit.alviz@ucop.edu.

BeeWhere

Two of our partners, Project Apis M. and California Association of Pest Control Advisers have reached out to CARCD to help spread the word about a solution to reduce pesticide exposure to beehives. [BeeWhere brings beekeepers and pesticide applicators together](#) to share best practices by tracking and safeguarding hive locations across California using standard GPS technology. With recent updates, beekeepers now have a space to register and drop their location pin with a double click on their phone; applicators have a new means to contact beekeepers and send notifications. RCDs should know that all California beekeepers are required by the state to register their hives, and that the BeeWhere is one way for them to meet that requirement,

River Rally Workshop Proposal

River Network [is requesting proposals for workshops](#). All workshop proposals must relate to one or more of this year's [River Rally themes](#). They 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 with up to three co-presenters, or are 15 minutes in length for our fast-paced "lightning" sessions involving just one presenter. Proposals must be submitted by October 1.

Job Announcements

Placer County RCD is Seeking a District Manager

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

Yolo RCD Seeking Project Assistant

The Yolo RCD is seeking a dedicated professional to be [their project assistant](#). This person will assist RCD project managers in implementing conservation projects, carrying out field activities, site monitoring and data collection. Field and office work is split about 80/20. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of agricultural practices and experience in restoration planning and native vegetation management. Applications are accepted through Friday, August 30. Please see [their job announcement for details on applying](#).



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Subject **[CARCD Updates] Regional Carbon Farm Planner Grants – Q & A Session**

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Hi RCDs,

Thank you for your interest in the RFP and for your participation in the Info sessions. Attached is the list of FAQs derived from the calls. Feel free to continue to reach out to Pelayo and I with questions.

Looking forward to your applications!

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On Wed, Jul 17, 2019 at 10:09 AM Kristen Murphy <kristen-murphy@carcd.org> wrote:
Hi RCDs!

CARCD and the Carbon Cycle Institute will host two conference calls regarding the Regional Carbon Farming Hub Solicitation. This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions regarding the RFP and the holistic regional planning process. Come prepared!

Thursday July 25th @ 9am
Friday August 2nd @ 9am

Call: (712) 770-4598
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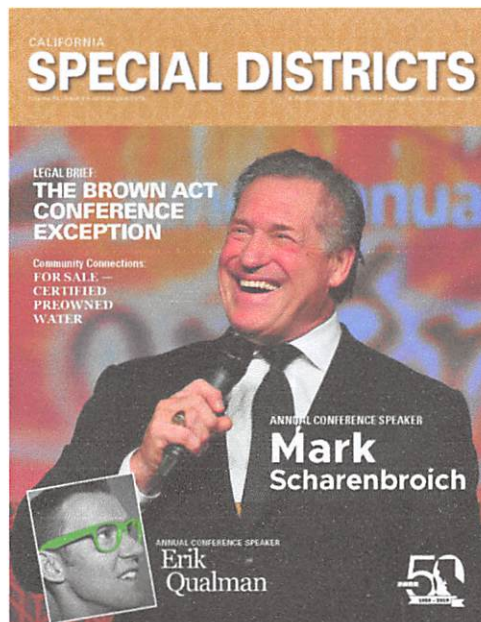
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\$25 CSDA Member | \$40 Non-member

CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 13, 2019



The Pre-Conference Magazine Issue is Here!

The July/August issue of the California Special Districts magazine is the annual pre-conference issue, which features highlights from the upcoming 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase September 25-28 in Anaheim. Get a sneak peek of the opening keynote presentation "Nice Bike - Making Connections that Move People" by reading the interview with Emmy award-winning speaker Mark Scharenbroich. Check out the interview with speaker Erik Qualman on his keynote "Socialnomics - Your Path to Digital Transformation." More great content includes: The Brown Act Conference Exception, For Sale - Certified Preowned Water, Do's and Don'ts of Retaining Independent Contractors, and interviews with CSDA Past Presidents Ed MacKay and Sherry Sterrett. [READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

New Fee on Special Districts Imposed by CalPERS Even if Your District is Not a CalPERS Member

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Last Chance to Register
Not getting the results you want from your public engagement efforts? Enroll in the Institute for Local Government's [TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab](#)

LEARN

Annual Conference Early Bird Deadline is August 23 - Save \$50!
The Early Bird Deadline for [Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase](#) is right around the corner! Register by

The State Social Security Administrator (SSSA) will begin to assess fees to special districts and other public agencies that have a Section 218 Agreement. The fees are intended to cover the costs of administering the federal program on behalf of all local agencies. They will range from \$200 – 2,500 per year based on number of employees and will be charged to agencies whether or not they are a CalPERS employer.

[Read More](#)

September 5-6 in San Diego and receive customized coaching and learn a step-by-step framework to successfully plan and implement your next public engagement effort. This interactive training program aims to institutionalize community outreach efforts while providing private, hands-on consulting to address your special district's unique community engagement needs.

[Register Here](#)

Friday, August 23, to save \$50 on your registration. This is the one conference special district leaders can't afford to miss! Join with other special district leaders from across the state to meet with industry suppliers, hear from the best in special district-specific topics with over 30 breakout session options. Network with your peers and more at the leadership conference for special districts!

[Register Today](#)



Get Involved: Join a 2020 CSDA Committee!

We are asking for volunteers to participate and contribute on one or more of our committees and/or expert feedback teams to assist in shaping CSDA. If you'd like to get involved with CSDA, please go to our Get Involved page at CSDA.net to view a complete list of committees, expectations for committee member service, and to submit a committee interest form online! [READ MORE!](#)

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RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

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

RFP - Water Treatment Plant Door Access Control System

RFP – Financial Services System

SDLF RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to these recent SDLF program recipients!

District Transparency Certificate of Excellence:
 - Marin Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District
 - South Placer Municipal Water District
 - Phelan Pinon Hills Community Service District

CAREER CENTER

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

[Director of Finance](#) – San Bernardino International Airport

[Director of Administrative Services](#) – Calaveras County Water District

RFB – Protective Relay
Upgrade Project

- Santa Clara Valley Water
District
- Cameron Park Community
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[Laboratory Aide](#) – Vallejo
Flood and Wastewater District

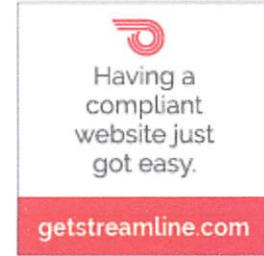
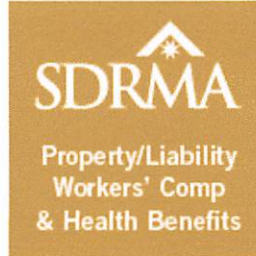
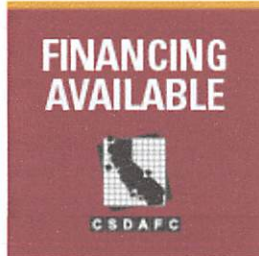
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Ensuring Thriving Trout and Salmon Populations for Future Generations

Because of the complexity of salmonid conservation and the geographical range of their habitat, RCDs often work closely with public agencies, private landowners, and non-profit organizations to effectively promote thriving salmonid populations. [The Inland Empire RCD](#) works with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to inspire and educate the next generation about rainbow trout by having them take an active part in their life cycle. [The](#)

[Cachuma RCD](#) led a local watershed coalition to create a plan for the Carpinteria Watershed which would meet the needs of everyone in their community.

[Read more](#)

GET TO KNOW AN RCD



We have been excited to work more closely with [the Western Shasta RCD](#), one of the RCD hosts for this year's conference. The district is home to many diverse landscapes, and includes fertile agricultural land, the Sacramento River watershed, Shasta-Trinity National Forest and Lassen National Forest, and the city of Redding. The RCD is in its second year of a three year project to control soil erosion after the 2018 Carr Fire, working closely with the California Conservation Corps and CALFIRE to restore areas in high priority watersheds.

[Read more](#)

Conservation Updates

Soil Health Terrace

Join CARCD and the East Stanislaus RCD for a FREE day of technical trainings, education and outreach techniques, small group project discussions, and networking with soil health professionals. The Soil Health Terrace will take place at the McConnell Foundation's Ross Ranch in Redding on Tuesday, November 12. This year will feature trainings by Point Blue Conservation Science, Rancher-to-Rancher, the East Stanislaus RCD, and the Carbon Cycle Institute.

[Read more](#)

RCDs are Hiring!

Find job descriptions linked on our [Careers page](#).

- Project Assistant with Alameda County RCD
- Project Assistant with Yolo County RCD
- District Manager with Placer County RCD
- Watercraft Inspectors with Tahoe RCD
- Conservation Project Coordinator with Butte County RCD

[Visit our Careers page](#)

Sponsor CARCD's 74th Annual Conference

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

[Read more](#)

What were RCDs up to in July?

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

[Read more](#)

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has been a long-time partner of Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) through collaboration and funding. Their mission is "to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public," which closely aligns with the RCDs' goals to protect their communities' natural resources. They are part of the California Natural Resources Agency and are responsible for regulating fishing and hunting as well as promoting the conservation of non-game wildlife.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming RCD Events

Napa County RCD's Napa River Cleanup

August 17, 2019

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