

AGENDA

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Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta

Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Truax Building

41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor

Temecula, CA 92590

ADDING URGENCY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:

Items may be added to the Agenda in accordance with section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act), upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District after the agenda was posted.

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District. Please note that for items not listed on the agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do at this time. The Board may not take action on the item at this meeting. As to matters on the Agenda, persons will be given an opportunity to address the Board when the matter is considered. If you wish to speak during public comment, please fill out a "Speaker Request Form" and give it to the Board Secretary. When the Board President calls your name, please immediately begin by giving your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. All items appearing on the Consent Calendar may be disposed of by a single motion. Items shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if any member of the Board of Directors, staff member, or interested person requests removal prior to a vote on a motion to approve the items. Such items shall be considered separately for action by the Board.

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of August 5, 2019.
2. Consider approval for current and past Months Financials: Financials and Management Reports for period ended July 31, 2019 and August 31, 2019.
3. Consider approval for current bills and reimbursements:
 - a) Bills Paid:
 1. American Express, \$6.69
 2. Barb Dalton, Inv. #10077, \$306.40
 3. SAWA, Inv. # 2019-76, \$662.20
 - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursements:
None
 - c) Accounts Receivable:
 1. RCWD CropSwap check # 152211, \$1,800.00
Pre Water Audit – Huritenne
Post CropSwap Audit – Van Egan

Approve all Correspondence and General information listed below as received on Consent Calendar

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Application for Newton Parkes sent to Supervisor Chuck Washington RE: open Board Director position. 08/06/2019.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION –CORRESPONDENCE GENERAL

1. CARCD- UPDATES – 06/10/19, 06/11/19, 06/17/19, 06/20/19, 07/08/19, 07/15/19, 07/23/19, 07/24/19, 08/01/19, 08/02/19, 08/12/19, 08/14/19, 08/20/19, 08/22/19, 08/30/19,09/03/19,
2. CARCD Weekly Digest – 06/14/19, 06/21/19, 06/28/19, 07/12/19, 07/19/19, 07/26/19, 08/02/19, 08/09/19, 08/23/19, 08/30/19,
3. CSDA- 06/11/19, 06/13/19, 06/18/19, 06/20/19, 06/25/19, 07/02/19, 07/11/19, 07/16/19, 07/23/19, 07/30/19, 08/06/19, 08/08/19, 08/13/19, 08/15/19, 08/20/19, 08/27/19, 09/03/19,
4. Riverside County Watershed Protection- 07/03/19, 08/07/19,
5. River Network – 06/13/19, 06/14/19, 06/17/19, 07/10/19, 07/11/19, 07/23/19, 08/07/19, 08/08/19, 08/19/19, 08/20/19, 08/26/19, 08/28/19, 09/04/19
6. SDRMA – 08/29/19,
7. Filmmakers Collaborative SF – 07/09/19,
8. NACD eRousource – 06/18/19, 06/25/19, 07/02/19, 07/09/19, 07/16/19, 07/30/19, 08/06/19, 08/20/19, 08/27/19, 09/03/19,
9. Oregon State University – 09/03/19,

V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Swearing in of new Board Director Lisa Battiato. – Rose Corona
2. Discussion and potential approval to authorize fees for yearly compilation for Nigro & Nigro.
3. Discussion and update on TeraCor mitigation and request for refund. – Rose Corona

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on tour of TEAM RCD conservation easements. – Rose Corona, Mandy Parkes
2. Update on Homeless Task Force. – Newt Parkes
3. Update and discussion on Website. – Randy Feeney
4. Update and discussion on Robin Hood Estates. – Bob Hewitt
5. Update on Fairway Estates Project.
6. Discussion and potential approval of TEAM RCD and SAWA to convene meeting with HOA prior to any implementation of contract. – Rick Neugebauer

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on Flood Control Projects. – Rose Corona
2. Discussion and potential approval to cancel October meeting.

VIII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. NRCS | Robert Hewitt |
| 2. TEAMRCD Director Reports | Open |
| Rose Corona | |
| Dave Kuhlman | |
| Stacy Kuhns | |
| Randy Feeney | |
| 3. Associate Director Reports | Open |
| Rick Neugebauer | |
| Newt Parkes | |
| 4. SAWA/Fire Safe Reports | Rick Neugebauer, Representative |
| 5. Best, Best & Krieger | Ward Simmons, District Counsel |

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

X. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

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Next Meeting: October 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting

MINUTES

CONSENT CALENDAR

**MINUTES SIGNED FROM
LAST MEETING**

CONSENT CALENDAR

FINANCIALS

Management Report

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

For the period ended July 31, 2019

Prepared by

Landmark Business Enterprises LLC

Prepared on

August 5, 2019

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Profit and Loss

July 2019

	Total
INCOME	
CropSwap Income	950.00
Interest Income	5.76
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	320.67
Total Investments	320.67
Total Income	1,276.43
GROSS PROFIT	
1,276.43	
EXPENSES	
Contract Services	
CropSwap Management	
Post Audit	415.00
Total CropSwap Management	415.00
Total Contract Services	415.00
General and Administration	
Administrative Consulting	296.00
Membership Dues	25.72
Total General and Administration	321.72
Total Expenses	736.72
NET OPERATING INCOME	
539.71	
NET INCOME	
\$539.71	

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2019

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund xx2226	129,804.04
Mitigation Account xx0102	98,202.35
Union Banc Investment xx8488	289,199.10
Union Bank xx72042	18,201.32
Total Checking/Savings	535,406.81
Total Bank Accounts	535,406.81
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	158,190.44
Total Accounts Receivable	158,190.44
Total Current Assets	693,597.25
Fixed Assets	
Clinton Keith Land	475,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	475,000.00
Other Assets	
adjust gain loss brokerage statement	5,616.00
Total Other Assets	5,616.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,174,213.25
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	415.00
Total Accounts Payable	415.00
Credit Cards	
AMEX 41005	-1.38
Total Credit Cards	-1.38
Other Current Liabilities	
Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	-1,183.64
Lennar Homes - Greer Ranch	125,000.00
Pulte Homes Benton Channel Endowment	90,000.00
Shea Homes - Adelaine Farms	75,000.00
Total Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	288,816.36
Total Other Current Liabilities	288,816.36
Total Current Liabilities	289,229.98
Total Liabilities	289,229.98
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	381,305.25

	Total
Retained Earnings	503,138.31
Net Income	539.71
Total Equity	884,983.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,174,213.25

Statement of Cash Flows

July 2019

	Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	539.71
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	4,350.00
Accounts Payable	415.00
AMEX 41005	-0.78
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	4,764.22
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,303.93
NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD	5,303.93
Cash at beginning of period	530,102.88
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$535,406.81

A/R Aging Detail

As of July 31, 2019

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Customer	Due Date	Amount	Open Balance
91 or more days past due						
05/01/2016	Invoice	16-1004	Bear Creek Association	05/31/2016	10,276.00	10,276.00
01/25/2019	Invoice	121718-2120-2203	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	02/24/2019	2,101.48	1,007.52
Total for 91 or more days past due					\$12,377.48	\$11,283.52
61 - 90 days past due						
04/22/2019	Invoice	042219-2120-2220	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	05/22/2019	4,339.70	4,339.70
04/22/2019	Invoice	042219-2120-2221	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	05/22/2019	6,784.09	6,784.09
04/22/2019	Invoice	042219-2120-2218	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	05/22/2019	10,848.35	10,848.35
04/22/2019	Invoice	042219-2120-2216	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	05/22/2019	18,738.52	18,738.52
04/22/2019	Invoice	042219-2120-2219	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	05/22/2019	29,905.81	29,905.81
04/22/2019	Invoice	042219-2120-2217	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	05/22/2019	74,490.45	74,490.45
Total for 61 - 90 days past due					\$145,106.92	\$145,106.92

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Customer	Due Date	Amount	Open Balance
1 - 30 days past due						
06/17/2019	Invoice	061719-2120-2229	RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	07/17/2019	850.00	850.00
Total for 1 - 30 days past due					\$850.00	\$850.00
Current						
07/16/2019	Invoice	071619-2120-2230	RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	08/15/2019	950.00	950.00
Total for Current					\$950.00	\$950.00
TOTAL					\$159,284.40	\$158,190.44

A/P Aging Detail

As of July 31, 2019

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Vendor	Due Date	Past Due	Amount	Open Balance
1 - 30 days past due							
07/16/2019	Bill	2723	Mission Resource Conservation District	07/26/2019	10	415.00	415.00
Total for 1 - 30 days past due						\$415.00	\$415.00
TOTAL						\$415.00	\$415.00

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

AMEX 41005, Period Ending 07/15/2019

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/05/2019

Reconciled by: Landmark Business Ent. Catherine Lazzara, C.S.A

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary	USD
Statement beginning balance	78.20
Charges and cash advances cleared (0)	0.00
Payments and credits cleared (2)	-78.80
Statement ending balance	-0.60
Register balance as of 07/15/2019	-0.60
Cleared transactions after 07/15/2019	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 07/15/2019	-0.78
Register balance as of 08/05/2019	-1.38

Details

Payments and credits cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
06/17/2019	Credit Card Credit		American Express Plus Busin...	-0.60
06/29/2019	Transfer			-78.20
Total				-78.80

Additional Information

cleared payments and credits after 07/15/2019

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/16/2019	Credit Card Credit			-0.78
Total				-0.78

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Mitigation Account xx0102, Period Ending 07/31/2019

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/05/2019

Reconciled by: Landmark Business Ent. Catherine Lazzara, C.S.A

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary	USD
Statement beginning balance	98,199.85
Checks and payments cleared (0)	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (1)	2.50
Statement ending balance	<u>98,202.35</u>
Register balance as of 07/31/2019	98,202.35

Details

Deposits and other credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/31/2019	Deposit		Wells Fargo Bank-Interest Inc...	2.50
Total				2.50

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

General Fund xx2226, Period Ending 07/31/2019

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/05/2019

Reconciled by: Landmark Business Ent. Catherine Lazzara, C.S.A

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance	124,901.48
Checks and payments cleared (3)	-400.70
Deposits and other credits cleared (3)	5,303.26
Statement ending balance	129,804.04
Register balance as of 07/31/2019	129,804.04
Cleared transactions after 07/31/2019	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 07/31/2019	-248.00
Register balance as of 08/05/2019	129,556.04

Details

Checks and payments cleared (3)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
06/29/2019	Transfer			-78.20
07/05/2019	Check	1309	Barbara Dalton	-296.00
07/09/2019	Check	1311	County of Riverside	-26.50
Total				-400.70

Deposits and other credits cleared (3)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/02/2019	Receive Payment	151625	RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	2,650.00
07/10/2019	Receive Payment	151852	RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	2,650.00
07/31/2019	Deposit		Wells Fargo Bank-Interest Inc...	3.26
Total				5,303.26

Additional Information

Uncleared checks and payments after 07/31/2019

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
08/01/2019	Check	1314	Barbara Dalton	-248.00
Total				-248.00

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Union Bank xx72042, Period Ending 07/31/2019

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 08/05/2019

Reconciled by: Landmark Business Ent. Catherine Lazzara, C.S.A

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary	USD
Statement beginning balance	17,880.65
Checks and payments cleared (0)	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (1)	320.67
Statement ending balance	<u>18,201.32</u>
Register balance as of 07/31/2019	18,201.32
Cleared transactions after 07/31/2019	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 07/31/2019	331.37
Register balance as of 08/05/2019	<u>18,532.69</u>

Details

Deposits and other credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
07/01/2019	Deposit		Union Bank Inv Brokerage	320.67
Total				320.67

Additional Information

Uncleared deposits and other credits after 07/31/2019

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
08/01/2019	Deposit		Union Bank Inv Brokerage	331.37
Total				331.37

Management Report

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation
District

For the period ended August 31, 2019

Prepared by

Landmark Business Enterprises LLC

Prepared on

September 3, 2019

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Profit and Loss

July - August, 2019

	Total
INCOME	
CropSwap Income	950.00
Interest Income	11.55
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	652.04
Total Investments	652.04
Vegetation Removal Income	6,162.40
Total Income	7,775.99
GROSS PROFIT	
7,775.99	
EXPENSES	
Contract Services	
CropSwap Management	
Post Audit	415.00
Total CropSwap Management	415.00
RFC Facilities - HOMELESS MONITORING	829.59
RFC-Project Development & Administration	662.20
Total Contract Services	1,906.79
General and Administration	
Administrative Consulting	544.00
Membership Dues	573.72
Total General and Administration	1,117.72
Operations	
Transcription	8.07
Total Operations	8.07
Total Expenses	3,032.58
NET OPERATING INCOME	4,743.41
NET INCOME	\$4,743.41

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2019

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund xx2226	129,560.05
Mitigation Account xx0102	98,204.85
Union Banc Investment xx8488	289,199.10
Union Bank xx72042	18,532.69
Total Checking/Savings	535,496.69
Total Bank Accounts	535,496.69
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	162,552.84
Total Accounts Receivable	162,552.84
Total Current Assets	698,049.53
Fixed Assets	
Clinton Keith Land	475,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	475,000.00
Other Assets	
adjust gain loss brokerage statement	5,616.00
Total Other Assets	5,616.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,178,665.53
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	662.20
Total Accounts Payable	662.20
Other Current Liabilities	
Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	-1,183.64
Lennar Homes - Greer Ranch	125,000.00
Pulte Homes Benton Channel Endowment	90,000.00
Shea Homes - Adelaine Farms	75,000.00
Total Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	288,816.36
Total Other Current Liabilities	288,816.36
Total Current Liabilities	289,478.56
Total Liabilities	289,478.56
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	381,305.25
Retained Earnings	503,138.31
Net Income	4,743.41
Total Equity	889,186.97

Total

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

\$1,178,665.53

Statement of Cash Flows

July - August, 2019

	Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	4,743.41
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	-12.40
Accounts Payable	662.20
AMEX 41005	0.60
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	650.40
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,393.81
NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD	5,393.81
Cash at beginning of period	530,102.88
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$535,496.69

CONSENT CALENDAR

**BILLS TO BE PAID /
REIMBURSEMENTS**

CONSENT CALENDAR

**ACCOUNTS
RECEIVABLE**

152211

GENERAL FUND RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, P.O. Box 9017 - Temecula, CA 92593

INVOICE NO.

PROJECT

AMOUNT

061719-2120-2229

PRE WATER AUDIT-HURITENNE

\$850.00

071619-2120-2230

POST CROPSWAP AUDIT-VAN EGAN

\$950.00

DATE 08/08/2019

WARRANT NUMBER 152211

\$1,800.00



RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT
42135 Winchester Road • P.O. Box 9017 • Temecula, California 92593
Phone: (951) 296-6900

152211
CONTROL NUMBER

VOID AFTER 180 DAYS

DATE
08/08/2019

WARRANT NUMBER
152211

AMOUNT ACCOUNT
\$ *****1,800.00

PAY EXACTLY *One Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars*

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

TEMECULA - ELSINORE ANZA
MURRIETA RCD
PO BOX 2078
TEMECULA CA 92593-2078
(3191)

JAMES D. ...
General Manager

Assistant General Manager - CFO/Treasurer

CORRESPONDENCE



August 6, 2019

Supervisor Chuck Washington
Riverside Supervisor, District 3
4080 Lemon St. 5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Supervisor Washington,

Attached you will find the application for Newton Parkes for the open Board Director position on the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District recently vacated by Jack Fleming due to illness.

During a Special Board Meeting convened on August 5, 2019, our Directors unanimously voted to support Newton Parkes, who is already an Associate Director on our Board, for the open position. Mr. Parkes has been instrumental in moving our Board forward by volunteering to take on several projects with our District and has jumped in with both feet to continue our good work.

In particular, we have appointed Newt as our point person and liaison for our Homeless Monitoring and Restoration projects. He will be the coordinator for the pilot projects regarding the Homeless we presently have with Riverside County Flood Control. He has already met with the Homeless Task Forces of Temecula, Murrieta and Lake Elsinore and is looking forward to seeing how we can be an asset to you in working closely with your staff and your Homeless projects in District 3. We will be attending your meeting in Hemet on Wednesday August 7, 2019 to introduce how TEAM RCD can be of help in the Homeless crises all cities and Counties are challenged with addressing.

Thank you for your considerations and we hope that you will thoughtfully consider our District Boards' full support and recommendation in elevating Newt Parkes to a Board Director in order that we can continue collaboration with more great projects with the County of Riverside and your office.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rose Corona", written over a blue scribble.

Rose Corona

President – TEAM RCD

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**GENERAL
INFORMATION /
CORRESPONDENCE**

Subject **2019 Speak-Off Competition Topic Announcement**
From Kiko Barr <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
<manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <kiko-barr@carcd.org>
Date 2019-06-10 16:54



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Hello RCDs,

We are excited to announce the topic for 2019's Speak-Off Competition:

"Why do we need to act to save the monarch butterfly? What can RCDs do to help?"

Every year, CARCD hosts a competition for high school students who want to speak out about conservation. Students first compete at the regional level, with the top speakers advancing to the state competition.

This year's state Speak-Off Competition will be held during lunch on Thursday, November 14 during [CARCD's 74th Annual Conference](#). Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three competitors: \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

RCDs who are interested in hosting a speak-off in their district can find all necessary documents linked here:

- [Speak-Off Contest Flyer \(PDF\)](#)
- [Speak-Off Contestant Application \(Word Document\)](#)
- [Speak-Off Contestant Application \(PDF\)](#)
- [Judge's Worksheet \(Word Document\)](#)
- [Judge's Directions \(PDF\)](#)
- [Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)
- [Time Keeper Worksheet \(PDF\)](#)

We are also hosting the same information on our website at [Speak-Off Competition announcement page](#).

The Speak-Off Competition is one of our favorite parts of conference, and we can't wait to hear what high schoolers have to say about this year's topic. Please contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org with any questions about the competition or conference in general.

Thank you!



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Subject **SB 253 in the Assembly and a New Amendment in Progress**
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Date 2019-06-10 13:40



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear Colleagues,

As we wrote in our update last month, Senate Bill 253 (Dodd) passed through the California Senate floor with unanimous consent and is making its way through the Assembly. It will be heard in the Assembly Agriculture Committee on July 3 and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on July 8.

If you haven't been following the news about SB 253, a quick brush-up is below:

CARCD and The Nature Conservancy have co-sponsored SB 253 with the goal of providing an additional source of funding to participating RCDs for the benefit of conservation efforts in California. If passed, SB 253 would create the Environmental Farming Incentive Program (EFIP), a state analog to NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The program, administered under the California Department of Food and Agriculture, would provide funding for on-farm conservation practices and technical assistance to support these efforts. You can find [SB 253's fact sheet here](#).

CARCD and our legislative consultants Pacific Policy Group are currently working with the Nature Conservancy and Senator Dodd's office on **amending the bill to explicitly determine RCDs as the technical assistance providers**. Language in the amendment will allow for UC Cooperative Extension and nonprofits to provide technical assistance, but only in locations that a Resource Conservation District is unable to provide the service.

The bill enjoys support from a diverse coalition of environmental groups and the agricultural community, including Cattlemen's Association, the Rice Commission, the Northern California Water Association, Audubon California, Sustainable Conservation and more!

We are excited about the potential for this bill to transform on-farm conservation efforts in California, and to raise the visibility of RCDs as major technical service providers. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to send us your RCD's letter of support. Contact sara-schremmer@carcd.org if you need a template letter to work from.

There are several other efforts that we are championing and supporting this legislative cycle. Please see [our legislative update document](#) for a summary of all of our legislative activities on behalf of RCDs in 2019.

Thank you,

Karen Buhr
Executive Director



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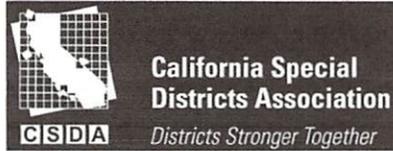
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Webinar: Records Retention and Document Management

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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 11, 2019



Proposal to Divert Property Taxes Defeated

June opened with a redevelopment (RDA) successor agency-related proposal appearing in the State Legislature's Budget Conference Committee. A conference committee is formed to settle any differences between the State Senate and Assembly. The proposal would have placed special district and other local agency property tax revenues in jeopardy and could have stifled the wind-down of certain former RDA's for decades to come. [READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

Did your District Receive a Request Letter from the FPPC?

In January 2019, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) updated its regulations regarding its "Streamline Program," which was created to handle violations with lesser public harm.

[Read More](#)

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MEMBER RESOURCES

Want to Get More from Membership?

Your agency's membership in CSDA gives you access to an array of value-added benefits designed with special districts in mind. Save time, money, and effort by taking advantage of the programs and discounts offered by our Business Affiliates – ranging from rental car discounts to pooled investment accounts and more!

LEARN

Communications and Media Workshop in Sacramento

CSDA will have a series of communications and media workshops for each network. The first stop will be in Sacramento on **Wednesday, July 24**, with Marty Boyer presenting on both parts of the workshops on the same day, [Essential Communications for Every Special District](#) and [Personalized Professional Media Training](#). Learn the

Does Prop 218 allow someone to halt a rate increase through the referendum process? On May 29, CSDA joined the Association of California Water Agencies, California Association of Sanitation Agencies...

[Read More](#)

For more information, [download](#) a complete listing of value-added benefits or [register](#) for our Maximize Your Membership webinar on **Thursday, July 18.**

[Read More](#)

essential communications practices for special districts in today's media and political landscapes. Also, learn firsthand on several interviewing skills using specialized on-camera training techniques. Register one or both workshops today!

[All Workshops](#)



CSDA Award Nominations - Deadline July 17

Has your district done an outstanding innovative program or public outreach campaign? Is there a board member or staff who deserves award recognition? Now is the time to nominate your candidate for a CSDA Award! These awards are presented at the 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase in Anaheim September 25-28! Learn more and submit your nomination by July 17 at CSDA.net. For questions, contact Vanessa Gonzales.

RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

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

RFP – General Counsel Services

RFP – Financial Audit

RFP – Master Plan Update

RFP – Financial Advisory Services

[Learn More](#)

SDLF

Next Scholarship Deadline **June 15**

The [Special District Leadership Foundation \(SDLF\)](#) offers a number of scholarships, designed to help elected/appointed officials and staff participate in the foundation's programs and other educational offerings. Don't miss your opportunity! The next deadline to apply is **June 15, 2019.**

[Learn More](#)

CAREER CENTER

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

[Human Resources Director](#) – City of Redwood City

[General Manager](#) – Coastside County Water District

[Foreman \(Distribution/Production\)](#) – Sacramento Suburban Water District

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Pollinator-Friendly Urban Spaces and Working Lands

Many pollinator species are seeing alarming population declines in California, and habitat loss is a key contributor to the problem. In urban areas, population growth is leading to an increased need for land that can accommodate infrastructure like schools, shopping centers, and residential homes. Land and open space that previously supported natural habitat for pollinators is constantly being converted to support urban growth and industrial development. While urban areas can be a stressor for pollinator species, it also represents an opportunity for conservation and public education. RCDs

already work with schools, urban parks, and landscapes/gardens to bring conservation Best Management Practices, educational resources, and technical assistance to diverse communities in urban areas. RCDs also maintain partnerships with local public and private entities in control of properties in and adjacent to urban/wildland interfaces where pollinator support is critical.

[Read more](#)

GET TO KNOW AN RCD



Established in March 1951, [the Mojave Desert RCD](#) is the largest of the 3,000 conservation districts in the United States. The area it services is so large that it could include the states of Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, and still have additional area remaining. In this spotlight, we take a look at the Mojave Desert RCD and its invasive tamarisk control project. Tamarisk is water thirsty and its long taproot depletes the already scarce water supply from the Mojave River.

[Read more](#)

Conservation Updates

Sponsor CARCD's 74th Annual Conference

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

[Read more](#)

RCDs are Hiring!

There are several RCDs with job openings! Check out the full list on our [Careers page](#).

- Field Technician with RCD of Santa Cruz County
- Natural Resource Specialist with Napa County RCD
- District Manager with Western Shasta RCD
- Watercraft Inspector with Tahoe RCD

[Visit our Careers page](#)

\$1.4M in Funding for Carbon Farming

Last month the Wildlife Conservation Board met to vote on funding for carbon farming projects across the state. WCB voted unanimously to approve \$1.4 million for the projects! Ten RCDs and the Carbon Cycle Institute will create at least 38 conservation and carbon farm plans with producers, and WCB's funding will enable them to implement the plans and put carbon into the soil.

[Read more](#)

What were RCDs up to in May?

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 Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation (Xerces Society) is a conservation non-profit organization that has been protecting "the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats" since its founding in 1971. The RCD network has been partnering with the Xerces Society, relying on their vast expertise on insects and conservation to implement projects with research-based strategies and which have the best chance of success.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming RCD Events

Napa County RCD's WILD Napa Lecture on Bees

June 12, 2019

WILD Napa is a monthly lecture series that explores topics related to Napa County's 'wild side'. George Altobell of Beekeepers of Napa Valley will be featured [in June's installment](#). The lecture will be on Wednesday, June 12 from 7pm to 8pm at the Napa County Library.

Coastal San Luis RCD Keyline Plow Demonstration

June 14, 2019

Coastal San Luis RCD will be hosting their [Keyline Plow Demonstration](#) on Friday, June 14 from 1pm to 3pm at Cerro Alto Ranch (2710 Turri Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA). The Keyline plow minimizes soil disturbance by lifting and loosening soil, resulting in soil with better soil structure and higher water holding capacity. The event will feature a live Keyline plow demonstration on contoured rangeland, a side-by-side comparison of soil cultivated with a conventional plow versus a Keyline plow, and an opportunity to talk with ranchers and operators about the plow.

Yolo County RCD's Compost and Fire Workshop

June 18, 2019

The Yolo Land & Cattle and Yolo County RCD will be hosting [the second in a series of workshops about compost application on rangelands](#). The event will be on June 18, from 8am to 12pm at Yolo Land & Cattle (24445 Co. Road 25, Esparto). The program will be geared toward ranchers. Highlights include demonstrations of on-farm compost and fire fuel reduction techniques that store carbon and keep nutrients on the land. A light lunch will follow the program. Dr. Jeff Creque from CCI and Phil Dye of Prometheus Fire Consulting will be speaking. To RSVP, please contact Alex Palmerlee at palmerlee@yolorcd.org.

Contra Costa RCD's Hoppy Hour

June 19, 2019

Contra Costa RCD is hosting [an Environmental Hoppy Hour](#) on June 19 from 5:30pm to 8pm at Calicraft Brewing Company. Environmental Hoppy Hour is a time where conservation lovers can casually come together, mix and mingle without pressure, play games, share ideas, and drink beer.

Sonoma RCD's Tillage Management Alternatives

June 19, 2019

Sonoma RCD's [Tillage Management Alternatives: Impacts on Soil Moisture and Health](#) will be on June 19 from 11am to 12:30pm at MacLeod Family Vineyard (Kenwood, CA 95452). Attendees will meet to discuss field trials at the vineyard, tillage alternatives, and opportunities to maximize retention and conservation of water in the soil and at the ranch.



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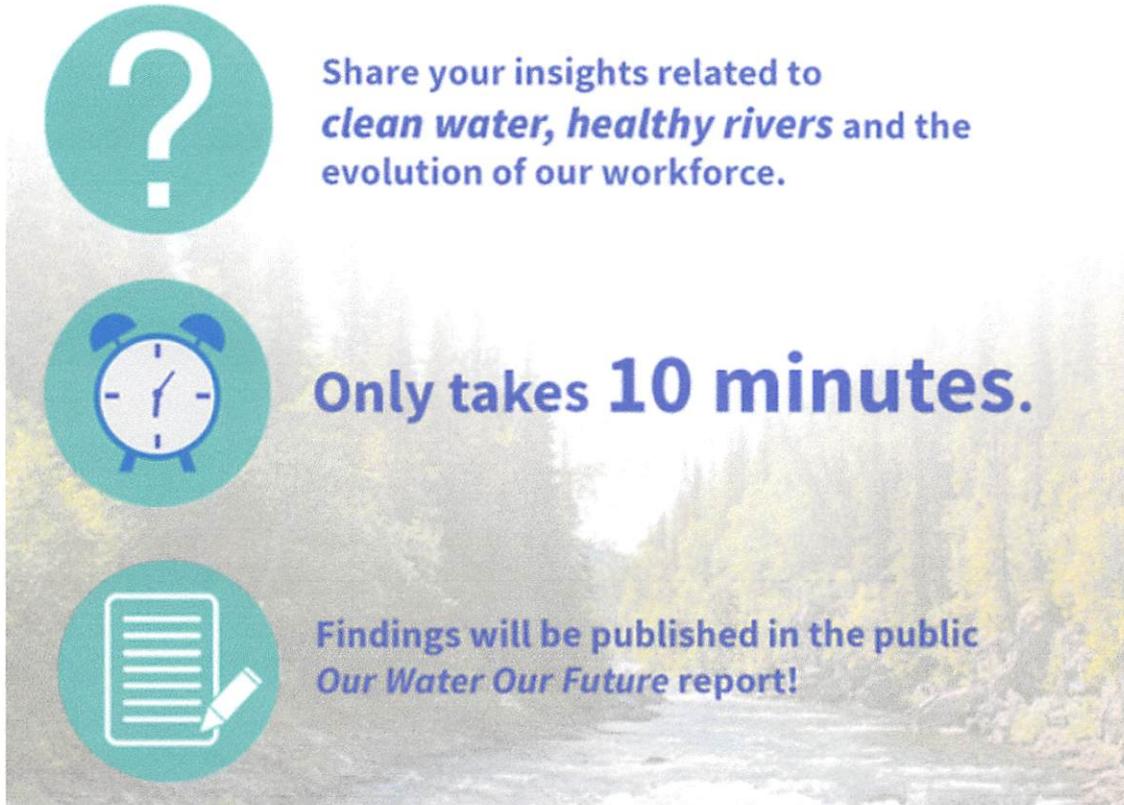


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MEMBER EVENTS & EDUCATION

The 2019 Trends Survey is here!



 Share your insights related to **clean water, healthy rivers** and the evolution of our workforce.

 Only takes **10 minutes**.

 Findings will be published in the public **Our Water Our Future** report!

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

Upcoming Webinars & Events

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

Understanding how the Money is Supposed to Flow: Water Infrastructure Funding and Finance 101

June 18, 1:00-2:30 PM EST. In the first of a four-part webinar series, Stacey Isaac Berahzer will provide an overview of where water, wastewater and stormwater utilities are positioned in the local government framework (e.g. local government departments, authorities, etc.) , and how this positioning affects their financial flexibility. [Register.](#)

Setting Water Rates Basics: How Raising Money for Water Projects Happens at the Local Level

July 9, 1:00-2:30 PM EST. In the second of a four-part webinar series, Stacey Isaac Berahzer will provide an overview of the rate setting process for water and wastewater utilities. We will talk about how decisions such as project prioritization for capital improvement plans and asset management are made, and how these prioritized projects drive the rate-setting process. [Register.](#)

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

July 30, 1:00-2:30 PM EST. In the third of a four-part webinar series, Stacey Isaac Berahzer will take participants on a deeper dive into setting water rates to address sustainability and affordability. Building off of webinar 2 in this series, we will explore how rates can be designed to address customer affordability issues and water conservation and efficiency.

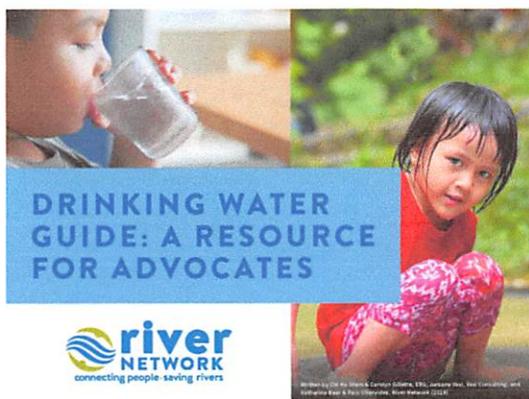
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Innovative Financing for Green Infrastructure: Waves in Water Funding

July 9, 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. [Register.](#)

Resources

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



Drinking Water Guide: A Resource for Advocates

The first of its kind, River Network's **Drinking Water Guide** will serve as a key resource for groups and individuals working on these issues to better understand, integrate, and elevate issues of equity and justice as part



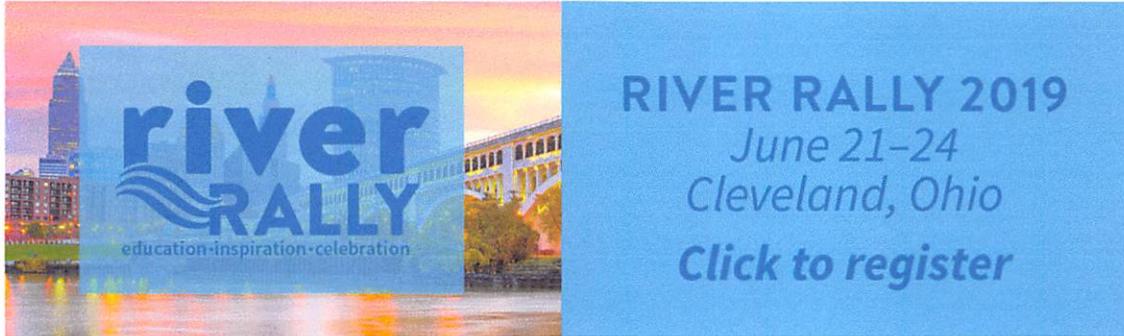
From the Archive: Our Water, Our Future – State of River and Watershed Protection (2016)

The **2016 Trends Report** outlined conditions of waterways in the U.S. Data for this report came from nearly 700 survey respondents from across the United States, including tribal

of their drinking water advocacy.

Take a tour and watch the introductory webinar.

representatives, academics, conservation professionals, river advocates, government officials, and concerned citizens. **Read the 2016 Trends Report** and **take the 2019 Trends Survey.**



Volunteer at River Rally and receive a partial or FULL compensation for your registration! You must be **registered for River Rally** to be considered for a volunteer position.

There are plenty of volunteer shifts available! Register TODAY and apply to be a River Rally volunteer by downloading the application, below, and emailing your preferred shifts to **riverrally@rivernetwork.org**.





 Project Needs Funding  Fully Funded Project

Get Your 2019 Project Funded

Are you planning, designing, or implementing on-the-ground restoration projects that will restore river flows and/or recharge ground water? Would you like the opportunity to share your projects with businesses who may be interested in providing support for your projects? If the answer is "Yes!" be sure to check out the **Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank**, a new opportunity for **paid members** of River Network to use a national platform to attract funding.

Share Your Recent Successes with the River Network Communications Team!

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Questions about your River Network free or paid membership? [Contact Carly Schmidt.](#)



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A banner with an orange background and a repeating diamond pattern. The text "Prepare to lead." is written in a large, bold, orange font at the top. Below it, in a smaller black font, is "2019 CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase". Underneath that, in a smaller black font, is "September 25-28, 2019 Anaheim, CA". On the right side of the banner, there are two logos: the CSDA logo (a map of California) and a "50" anniversary logo with "1969" and "2019" written around it.

Register Early for the 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase!

Can't wait for CSDA's Annual Conference in Anaheim? Or have you never been and are hoping to find out more information? Either way, we have got you covered! This year's conference marks CSDA's 50th Anniversary and we have lots of special activities and highlights planned to mark the occasion. Check out the newly launched [CSDA Annual Conference website](#) for information on our pre-conference activities, agenda, breakout sessions, networking events, and more. If you already know you're planning on attending, skip the extra steps and go straight to the registration link.

[Register Here!](#)

Be sure to register early to receive the early bird discount (ends August 23, 2019) and to secure a hotel room at the Anaheim Marriott. All registered attendees will receive a hotel link to make reservations at the CSDA rate of \$180 single or double occupancy plus tax.

Award Nominations Due July 17!

Various awards are presented during the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. These awards include: Board Member of the Year, General Manager of the Year, Staff Member of the Year, William Hollingsworth Award of Excellence, CSDA Chapter of the Year, Innovative Program/Project of the Year and Exceptional Public Outreach & Advocacy. Whether it's for yourself or



someone else, spread the word and **submit a nomination online today!**

Learn more on [our website](#). For questions about awards, contact Communications Specialist [Vanessa Gonzales](#) or toll-free at 877.924.2732.

Watch the video below to see one of last year's award winners, Cordova Recreation and Park District who received the 2018 CSDA Innovative Project of the Year Award!



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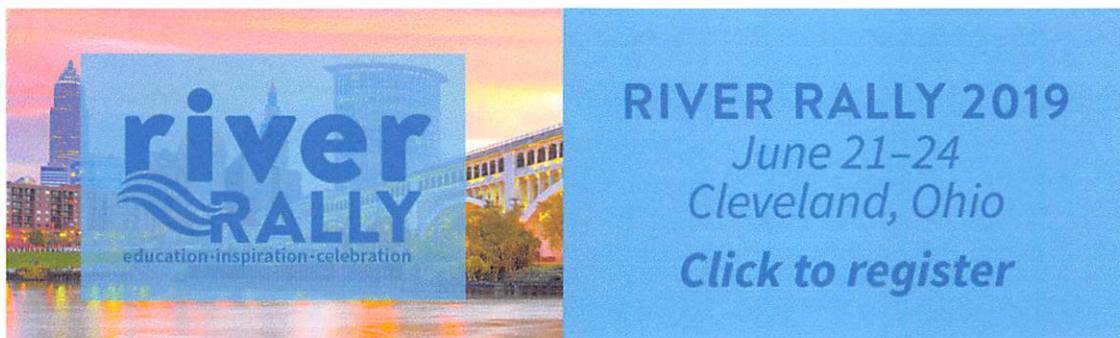
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Program Highlights Water Laws & Policies Strong Leaders & Orgs

This year's River Rally program is chock full of sessions designed to educate and inspire your work. Check out these highlights.

Advancing Robust and Effective Water Laws and Policies

Does your work include empowering citizens, organizations, and governments to protect, strengthen, and implement water laws and policies? Does your work include new water law and policy innovations that support conservation or address concerns of those who are more vulnerable due to income, influence, or discrimination? Workshop highlights include:

WOTUS: What Does the Clean Water Act Rollback Mean

Learn what the Clean Water Act rollback means for our nation's waters and receive knowledge and tools to activate your own networks to defend the Clean Water Act.

Presenter: Glenn Watkins, National Wildlife Federation

Drink Up Policy Lovers

Drinking water policies in the Great Lakes states vary considerably. In this workshop, attendees will see a comprehensive comparison of how these states are implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act and other key regional

issues. Attendees will participate in evaluating these policies and creating an action plan for the region.

Presenters: Katie Rousseau, American Rivers; Elin Betanzo, Safe Water Engineering; Nick Leonard, Great Lakes Environmental Law Center

PWSR Toolkit Benefits River Management and Coalitions

Come use the Partnership Wild and Scenic River (PWSR) Toolkit, for rivers that are already designated or are new to WSR designation. Learn about the PWSR model, study process, and effective management plans. Suggest Toolkit content and leave with access and insight into the Toolkit, technical resources and national contacts to help protect, monitor, and manage your river.

Presenters: Shana Deeds, Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers (PWSR); Jamie Fosburgh, Acting Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program, NPS

Leveraging Water Recreationists for Water Protection

Learn about a new strategy that highlights recreational uses of the Delaware River Watershed to elevate water quality protections to achieve the lofty goals of the Clean Water Act to make our waters fishable and swimmable.

Presenters: Alice Baker, PennFuture; Nathan Boon, William Penn Foundation;

Sustaining Strong Leaders, Organizations, and Coalitions

Workshops under this theme will offer information and skill-building opportunities on leadership and professional development, organizational and financial health, EDI (equity, diversity and inclusion), and topics in management, fundraising and communications to help nonprofit board and staff members be more effective in their river and watershed work. Workshops include:

Tools for Collaborative Decisions

What can make or break your collaboration? Answer: Clear and timely decision making that supports forward progress while being able to work with disagreements and agreements. Join this workshop and learn about tools to support productive decision making within any collaborative setting.

Presenters: Sarah Clark, Institute for Conservation Leadership; Dianne Russell, Institute for Conservation Leadership

Fundraising Metrics and How to Use Them

Metrics matter. Period. And that includes fundraising metrics. They should be used to change our behavior, to adapt to our changing environment, and to help predict what may happen in the future. In this workshop, we'll explore the

world of what you should be measuring in fundraising and how to use the data you get back.

Presenter: David Allen, Development for Conservation

Digital Storytelling in a Divided World

Join us for a screening of River Alliance of Wisconsin's "Water Unites Us" short film series. Enjoy three new 2-minute films featuring very different water heroes: a farmer, a scientist, and a faith-based community organizer. Learn about the strategy behind this digital storytelling campaign and how your organization could replicate this successful approach to engage your audience.

Presenter: Danika Laine, River Alliance of Wisconsin

Equity Diversity and Inclusivity: Measuring Up

This workshop will put participants on a path to designing and measuring progress of an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) strategy. Participants will learn the benefits and components of an EDI strategy and how to monitor and evaluate progress. The presenters are former or current River Network board members and are skilled in design and measurement of EDI initiatives.

Presenters: Baljit (Bava) Wadhwa, Global Environment Facility; Jumana Vasi, River Network and Jvasi Consulting

We hope you'll join us for these sessions and more at River Rally 2019!

-The River Network Team

[Register Now](#)

Special Invitation: 2019 State of the Great Lakes

Friday, June 21st

12pm – 1:30pm

Huntington Convention Center

Panelists:

David W. Orr, Ph.D. – Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Oberlin College

Shanelle L. Smith – Ohio State Director, The Trust for Public Land

Christine Todd Whitman – Former Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency,
and 50th Governor of New Jersey

This forum is part of the Igniting the Future Speaker Series presented by the Cleveland Foundation and George Gund Foundation. It will explore how we can continue to protect the Great Lakes as a vital natural resource and, more broadly, how the progress around the Cuyahoga River inform decisions we make today regarding climate change and other environmental threats. The forum is free and open to the public but registration is required. **LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS SPECIAL EVENT.**

PechaKucha Night: Waterways presented by the Cleveland Foundation

Thursday, June 20th

7:00pm

Jacobs Pavilion, Nautica Entertainment Complex

This event will highlight clean water in a free, exciting format for anyone who loves creativity, rivers and Cleveland. Presenters from Ethiopia, Uganda, Lebanon, Vancouver, Minneapolis, Detroit and Cleveland (including the Stokes family) will leverage the rapid-fire PechaKucha format to share how communities around the world are re-thinking our relationship to water. The presenters begin at 8:00pm.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT.

River Rally 2019 takes place along the banks of the Cuyahoga River and marks the last time that river caught fire from unregulated pollution 50 years ago, a pivotal event that sparked the environmental movement that led to the establishment of the Clean Water Act. You'll leave inspired, informed, and empowered to build a more sustainable and equitable water future.



Check out the phenomenal line-up of [speakers](#) and [workshops](#) you won't want to miss.

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 30th: Early Bird Registration Ends

June 21st –June 24th: River Rally 2019–see you in Cleveland!

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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

CARCD Annual Report and 2018 Financials

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

Resource Library Now Live

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

RCD Guidebook for Collaboration and Consolidation

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

Funding Opportunities

Wildlife Conservation Board Forest Conservation Program Solicitation

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

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Publishes Monthly List of Grants

Please take a look at Sierra Nevada Conservancy's [extensive list of open grants](#) which covers fuel reduction, habitat preservation, environmental education, and other program areas which are relevant to RCDs. There are some grants which are only eligible to 501c3 non-profits. As your non-profit partner, CARCD has the ability to provide fiscal sponsorship for projects or pass through funding to your district. Please contact us if your RCD is interested in applying for this funding so that we can explore the possibilities.

Advocacy & Legislation

Legislative Update

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

RCD News

Glenn County RCD's Article on Soil Health Event

Check out Glenn County RCD's recent article "[Walnut Orchards and Cover Crops: Daniel Unruh and Kabir Zahangir Tell the Story of the Understory](#)", which covers a successful soil health event they hosted in spring. The article gives an overview of the event, technical lessons learned, and grower Daniel Unruh's experience with cover crops.

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

California Farm Demonstration Network Soil Health Catalog

The California Farm Demonstration Network is capturing a summary of on-going work and a directory of people and organizations working on soil health related projects across the state. The goal is to build a foundation upon which to build a comprehensive compilation of work that people working toward soil health management objectives can consult to find information, partners, and ways to leverage their own efforts. Karen Lowell, NRCS Agronomist, will be compiling the information. Please complete the information as described in the attached spreadsheets and return to her at karen.lowell@usda.gov. Please do NOT modify the formatting (columns/rows) of the spreadsheets, as the intent is to compile the full list offered by participants by simply copying rows sent to Karen into a master document. This is a link to [the excel directory template](#) and this is a link to [the directory template](#).

Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program

The Department of Conservation has specified that the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program will be closely aligned with the goals and projects proposed by the Forest Management Task Force's Regional Prioritization Working Groups. To ensure that RCD projects are prioritized under this program, [it is recommended that RCDs join their regional prioritization group](#). After a restructuring hiatus, the groups are beginning to meet again in June and July. Details on the meeting dates and regional group boundaries [can be found here](#).

Job Announcements

Trinity County RCD Hiring Bookkeeper/Fiscal Manager and GIS Technician/Manager

Trinity County RCD is hiring for two positions.

- **[Bookkeeper/Fiscal Manager](#)**: Full or part-time for this position is optional, depending on incumbent's knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill job duties and meet District needs. The bookkeeper will be responsible for all District bookkeeping. Experience with cost-allocation

and reporting for a multi-funded government environment is highly desirable. Strong math and interpersonal skills with spreadsheet and word-processing knowledge is required, with Abila MIP software experience being a plus. The application deadline is 5pm on July 1.

- **[Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) Technician/Manager](#)**: This is a full-time position with paid leave and medical benefits. The GIS Technician/Manager will be involved in all aspects of GIS for the District from concept to completion, including maintenance of the District's GIS database, distribution of pertinent GIS data, and development of maps and layouts. Applications will be accepted until 5pm on June 17.

RCD of Santa Cruz County Seeking Field Technician

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

Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Hiring Conservation Specialist

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



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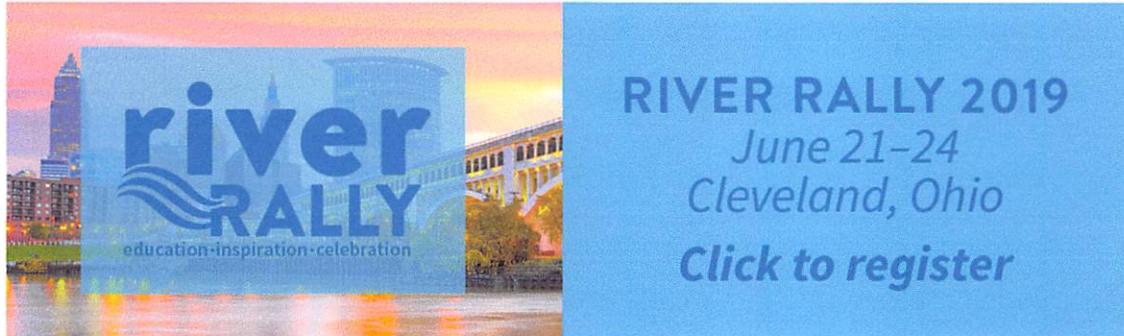
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Program Highlights Civic Engagement

This year's River Rally program is chock full of sessions designed to educate and inspire your work. Check out these highlights.

Civic Engagement for Our Water Future

The cornerstone of a vibrant democracy is an engaged and empowered electorate, one that is informed, shows up at public meetings, votes in elections, and demands accountability. These workshops help demystify civic engagement and participation and understand how that engagement can be activated to achieve goals related to clean water and healthy rivers.

Creative Engagement for Controversial Projects

Making change on the ground or at the policy level is often controversial, but creative public engagement tools explored in this workshop can equip river advocates for success.

Presenters: Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy, American Rivers; Peter Raabe, American Rivers

Art, Water, and Social Justice

Art is a powerful and underutilized tool for communicating the importance of our shared waterways and for creating alternative avenues to participation at the intersection of water and justice. We will discuss projects that use artistic

expression to increase access, inclusion, and participation in water protection and management efforts and engage in creative techniques as we collectively consider how art can weave together social justice and water work in our respective communities.

Presenters: Sarah Davidson, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council; Erin O'Grady, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay; Kevin Jeffery, University of Texas, Austin School of Architecture

Creating local government "Change Makers"

Local government decisions have major impacts on watershed quality. This workshop will describe Huron River Watershed Council's "Change Makers" program, which trains local residents to become involved with local government, either through commenting on land-use decisions, becoming planning commissioners, or getting elected to local boards or councils.

Presenter: Kris Olsson, Huron River Watershed Council

Mobilizing for change: GOTC, GOTV, and 501(c)(3) Organizations

Census 2020 results will influence public funding decisions and allocations for the next decade. Learn how to grow your organization's civic capacity and influence by participation in the census and in get-out-the-vote efforts associated with the next national election. This informative workshop will share rules for 501(c)(3) engagement and what you'll gain by getting involved.

Presenter: Aryeh Alex, Ohio Environmental Council

Engaging Communities in Protecting Urban Waters

Learn how to foster "smart conservation" that strategically redirects conservation practices to include non-traditional populations, especially as these groups are most vulnerable to climate variation and often have limited access to natural resources. Increasing community engagement provides solutions that ensure environmental restoration and a higher quality of life for vulnerable communities.

Presenters: Darryl Haddock, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance; Quanda Smith, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance; Lauren Wiggins, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance; Donna Stephens, Proctor Creek Stewardship Council

Equitable Urban Planning for Resilient Communities

Everyone desires a safe and healthy environment, but low-income communities often lack the tools and resources to achieve this vision. This workshop explores how 'outsiders' can synergize with community-based efforts to strengthen neighborhood climate resiliency, restore local streams,

and improve quality of life for disadvantaged communities.

Presenters: Yomi Noibi, EcoAction; Merri Sheffield , Atlanta Watershed Learning Network; Jason Dozier, Atlanta Watershed Learning Network; Columbus Ward, Atlanta Watershed Learning Network

We hope you'll join us for these sessions and more at River Rally 2019!

-The River Network Team

Register Now

Special Invitation: 2019 State of the Great Lakes

Friday, June 21st

12pm – 1:30pm

Huntington Convention Center

Panelists:

David W. Orr, Ph.D. – Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Oberlin College

Shanelle L. Smith – Ohio State Director, The Trust for Public Land

Christine Todd Whitman – Former Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, and 50th Governor of New Jersey

This forum is part of the Igniting the Future Speaker Series presented by the Cleveland Foundation and George Gund Foundation. It will explore how we can continue to protect the Great Lakes as a vital natural resource and, more broadly, how the progress around the Cuyahoga River inform decisions we make today regarding climate change and other environmental threats. The forum is free and open to the public but registration is required. **LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS**

SPECIAL EVENT.

PechaKucha Night: Waterways presented by the Cleveland Foundation

Thursday, June 20th

7:00pm

Jacobs Pavilion, Nautica Entertainment Complex

This event will highlight clean water in a free, exciting format for anyone who loves creativity, rivers and Cleveland. Presenters from Ethiopia, Uganda, Lebanon, Vancouver, Minneapolis, Detroit and Cleveland (including the Stokes family) will leverage the rapid-fire PechaKucha format to share how communities around the world are re-thinking our relationship to water. The presenters begin at 8:00pm.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT.



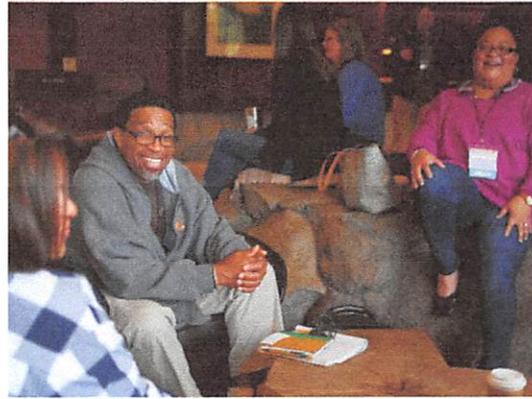
River Rally 2019 takes place along the banks of the Cuyahoga River and marks the last time that river caught fire from unregulated pollution 50 years ago, a pivotal event that sparked the environmental movement that led to the establishment of the Clean Water Act. You'll leave inspired, informed, and empowered to build a more sustainable and equitable water future.

Check out the phenomenal line-up of [speakers](#) and [workshops](#) you won't want to miss.

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 30th: Early Bird Registration Ends

June 21st –June 24th: River Rally 2019–see you in Cleveland!

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