

Subject **[Conservation News] Upcoming Webinar: Business for Water Stewardship Project**
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Hi everyone,

Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) and River Network have teamed up to offer the Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank (BWS Project Bank), a new online clearinghouse to support growing corporate interest in projects that restore river flows and recharge ground water, and to expand funding opportunities for dues-paying River Network member organizations and their river restoration projects.

They have a webinar coming up to provide an overview of the BWS Project Bank's purpose, the types of projects that are eligible for inclusion, how to add your projects, and answer any questions. Please see below for details:

WEBINAR: Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank
A new opportunity to share your restoration projects on a national platform

- **When:** Tuesday, November 7 - 1:00-1:30 PM ET / 10:00-10:30 AM PT
- **Register:** <https://www.rivernetwork.org/events/business-for-water-stewardship/>

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 corporations who may be interested in providing support for your project(s)? If the answer is "Yes!" you'll want to sign up for this webinar to learn about the BWS Project Bank.

Developed in response to growing corporate interest in projects that restore river flows and recharge ground water, the BWS Project Bank offers an opportunity for organizations to represent their watershed restoration projects on a national platform. The Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) uses the Project Bank to share and learn about organizations and restoration projects and to represent specific projects to businesses seeking opportunities to support environmental water stewardship. Where there is a match between corporate water stewardship goals and restoration projects, companies may elect to provide funding to support those efforts.

Thank you!

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Happy Friday RCDs and NRCS!

In **TWO WEEKS** we'll be at the end of conference at the funnest night of the week
- **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER!**

This year, Friday Night Dinner will be held at Yolo Brewing
and catered by Kmemo TacoBar!



Be prepared for beer, games, kombucha on-tap, unlimited tacos, and more beer!

We will have a DJ with an old school record player - so bring your favorite LPs

Come out and be merry with our RCD Family

***Registration is required, so sign up! \$30 pre-conference \$35 at conference.
Transportation provided.**

If you've already registered for conference, email Kristen or Emily and we'll make sure you get there.

Kristen Murphy

Subject [CARCD Updates] Soil Health Summit at Conference
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Hey RCDs!

Have you all noticed that we are hosting a FREE Soil Health Summit on Wednesday for staff?

Check out the [amazing agenda](#) and [sign up!](#)

CALIFORNIA SOIL HEALTH SUMMIT

In conjunction with the 72nd Annual CARCD Conference

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15TH, 9AM-4PM

Join us at the Hilton Arden West in Sacramento
for a day of:

Cover Crops
Composting

Soil Biodiversity
Regenerative Ranching
Carbon Farming Workshops



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Detailed agenda and registration at <https://carcd.memberclicks.net/soil-health-summit-info>

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Dear Dave,

CARCD and CSG are working to turn the \$2.5 million that was secured from the General Fund for RCDs from a one-time allocation into annual capacity building funding and we need your help.

Please use this form to tell CSG about how your RCD is utilizing the current round of funding.

CSG needs as many responses to this survey as possible by the end of this year. We understand that your project(s) won't be completed by then, and that's okay; please project ahead and share your best estimates with us.

We will craft your responses into success stories for legislators about how the funds will be leveraged. Our goal is to communicate the positive impacts that will be realized in communities throughout the state if continued investments are made into the RCD network.

Your response will help keep this funding coming. Thank you for your engagement!

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Subject **[CARCD Updates] Request for Nominations for the 2017 NAWMP Awards**
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Hi everyone,

Our colleagues at the Central Valley Joint Venture invite you to consider nominating deserving candidates for the very prestigious North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) Awards.

The NAWMP is implemented through long-term partnerships of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals committed to the conservation of North American waterfowl, other wetland-associated migratory bird populations and their wetlands habitats. The success of the Plan is directly related to the contributions of these dedicated partners, both short- and long-term.

To give recognition to their work, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan Committee invites you to nominate a Plan partner to receive one of its two prestigious awards. These awards are conferred on an annual basis on deserving nominees who meet the criteria.

You can find the NAWMP Awards criteria and nomination form at the Plan Awards web page here:

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/bird-management-plans/north-american-waterfowl-management-plan/plan-awards.php>

All must be received by be received by Jorge Coppen (jorge_coppen@fws.gov), NAWMP Coordinator, by **February 15, 2018**.

Please consider forwarding this message to those you think might nominate a deserving candidate for a 2017 NAWMP Awards.

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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- MCRCD_ED_JobAnnouncement_20171109_Final.pdf (~429 KB)

Good morning,

The Mendocino County RCD is in search of a new Executive Director.

Please see the attached job announcement for additional information about the position and details on how to apply.

Thank you!

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Hello CARCD and RCD friends,

For those of you that don't know, here is where I have landed. I look forward to working with all of you in the future. I hope to see you at the conference tomorrow.

All the Best,

Kara

From: Phoebe Silag [<mailto:psilag@farmland.org>]
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Subject: Kara Heckert new California Director of American Farmland Trust

Kara Heckert new California Director of American Farmland Trust

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Phoebe Silag, Communications Director

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WASHINGTON, DC, November 15, 2017—American Farmland Trust announced today that Kara Heckert is its new California State Director. She assumed the role on November 6.

"We are very pleased to have Kara join the AFT team," said John Larson, AFT's senior vice president of policy and programs. "As the former Executive Director of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Kara has a depth of experience in finding solutions to complex soil and water conservation issues in California."

Heckert has spent the last 16 years applying technical, policy and fundraising expertise to the development and implementation of successful agricultural sustainability and ecological restoration programs in California. She has worked closely with non-profits, landowners, commodity groups and local, state, and federal agencies, building effective partnerships throughout the state. Heckert is a graduate of Sonoma State University.

"I look forward to furthering AFT's mission to protect farmland, promote sound farming practices and keep farmers on

the land,” said Heckert. “Through expanding our partnerships and increasing our capacity through our ‘Campaign to Save California Farmland,’ my goal for AFT is to have a presence and impact in every major farming region in California.”

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American Farmland Trust is the only national conservation organization dedicated to protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices and keeping farmers on the land. Since 1980 American Farmland Trust has helped to permanently protect more than five million acres of farm and ranch land. Learn more at: www.farmland.org

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Good morning,

The 90-day application period has begun for the Statewide Flood Emergency Response Grant, Round 3.

The Department of Water Resources has released the [Final Flood Emergency Response Projects – Statewide Grant Round 3 Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package \(PDF\)](#) and is accepting applications. The 90-day application period closes January 29, 2018, and applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on January 29, 2018.

I hope you have all had a restful weekend! It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the conference.

Thank you,

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Good morning,

The California Department of Education is now accepting applications for it's **21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Elementary/Middle Schools program**.

This is an excellent opportunity to fund environmental education programs in your communities!

Applications will be accepted through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) until January 26, 2018.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact us. Thank you!

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Hi Everyone,

CDFA is in Chile this week as part of an exchange on climate change adaptation. They brought along some friends of ours like Paul Robins from RCD of Monterey County and Jeff Cheque from Carbon Cycle Institute.

Read more about the trip here:

<http://plantingseedsblog.cdfa.ca.gov/wordpress/?p=14253>

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] Funding opportunities worth taking a look at!**
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Good morning,

The following funding opportunities are available and could be great for supporting a variety of programmatic efforts that RCDs are engaged in:

- **The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program** (due January 31) funds watershed ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship.
- **Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program grants** (due January 31) fund activities to develop watershed groups, complete watershed restoration planning activities, and design watershed management projects.
- **The Clif Bar Family Foundation grants** (due February 1) provide funding for general organizational support as well as for specific projects which protect Earth's beauty and bounty, increase opportunities for outdoor activities, and build stronger communities.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Subject **[Conservation News] Agritourism Professional Development Workshop Jan 22 – 23, 2018**
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Hi everyone,

Please see the following announcement from the UC Davis Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (UC SAREP):

You are invited to participate in a FREE two-day Professional Development workshop offered by UCCE and UC SAREP agritourism trainers and expert partners and funded by Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (Western SARE). This training will include an all-day farm tour of agritourism operations, and will provide interactive, hands-on sessions with tools, resources and individual consultation for developing agritourism workshops and other support activities for agricultural producers in your region. Content will focus on the opportunities and challenges faced by producers in establishing and marketing agritourism operations.

The San Diego County "Teaching and Supporting Agritourism" Workshop will be January 22 – 23, 2018.

The first day will feature a tour of North county farms offering agritourism, including discussion about agritourism development with the host farmers. The tour will leave from and return to the San Marcos Community Center. The second day will be a full day participatory workshop with local experts at the San Marcos Community Center.

Please [click here](#) to apply for the San Diego County "Teaching and Supporting Agritourism" Workshop to be held Monday January 22 through Tuesday January 23, 2018.

If you have questions please contact:

Penny Leff

Agritourism Coordinator

UC SAREP

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paleff@ucdavis.edu

Thanks and Happy Friday!

Sara

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Subject **[CARCD Updates] HSP funding awards published-
congrats to our RCD recipients!!**

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Congratulations to the Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Yolo and RCD of Greater San Diego!!!

CDFA has just published the selected projects for the Healthy Soils Program for both incentives and demo projects (see links below). Awardees include several of our carbon farming partners.

Congratulations!

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/docs/2017-HSPDemonstrationProjectsGrantAwards-ProjectsSelected.pdf>

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/docs/2017-HSPIncentivesProgramGrantAwards-ProjectsSelected.pdf>

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Subject **Reminder: Please help us tell your story to the 2018 Legislature**

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] Funding available for watershed project proposals submitted to Reclamation**
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Hi everyone,

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced its 2018 funding opportunity for Phase I of the Cooperative Watershed Management Program.

This would be a great opportunity to pursue if you are looking to fund watershed-related work, like forming a watershed group, completing watershed restoration planning activities, or designing watershed management projects.

Proposals are due January 31, 2018. To view this funding opportunity, please visit www.grants.gov and search for funding opportunity number BOR-DO-18-F005.

Thank you,

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- Additionally, the Clean Water Act section 319(h) & Timber Regulation & Forest Restoration Fund is currently accepting applications through February 8, 2018.

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Congratulations to Gold Ridge and Western Shasta RCDs!!

Keep up the good work!!

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Subject: 2017 Proposition 1 Grant Awards Announced
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CDFW Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs



Proposition 1 Awards Announced

CDFW today announced the award of \$39.7 Million to fund 39 ecosystem and watershed restoration projects under its Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs.

CDFW received 116 proposals requesting more than \$164 million in funding in response to its 2017 solicitation for proposals.

See the press release for details and a list of the awarded projects.

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Subject **[CARCD Updates] Pls welcome Ray Dotson as NRCS Acting State Conservationist for next 90 days**
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United States Department of Agriculture

December 7, 2017

Dear Conservation Partner,

I am writing today to let you know of a temporary change in our leadership here at the Natural Resources Conservation Service in California.

Perhaps many of you are aware that State Conservationist Carlos Suarez has been tapped to lead USDA's hurricane recovery efforts for Puerto Rico following the devastation visited upon the island by Hurricane Maria. I know you join us in wishing Carlos and his team much success in using the authorities available through USDA to help the people and natural resources of Puerto Rico return to some level of normal living and farming.



For the next 90 days California is fortunate to have Mr. Ray Dotson, state conservationist for our neighboring state of Nevada, in an acting capacity as our interim state conservationist.

Ray Dotson began his tenure as Nevada State Conservationist for NRCS on August 10, 2015. Born in Port Gibson, Mississippi, Ray came to NRCS with close ties to the land gained by laboring on his grandfather's farrow/finish operation. Before working in Nevada, Dotson worked for NRCS in Arizona and Montana where he broadened his agricultural scope and his ability to carry out the agency's mission by working with diverse producers and partners to get conservation on the ground.

Rachel Lopez is serving as Mr. Dotson's Administrative Assistant and can assist in securing appointments with Dotson.

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Subject **2018 Advocacy Academy registration period now open!**
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Dear Dave,

We are excited to announce that the application period for CARCD's 2018 Advocacy Academy is now open!

This is an opportunity not to be missed. We can't overstate the importance for individual RCDs in terms of opening new doors for funding, in addition to the timing with our ask for a continued statewide capacity building allocation from the General Fund.

The registration form is available for download here. Please e-mail it back to me by no later than January 15, 2018.

What is the Advocacy Academy?

The Advocacy Academy is part of CARCD's Capacity Building Program funded through the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation. This training will give staff and directors the opportunity to examine the RCD's political savvy—how it maintains visibility, gains a seat at the table for important decisions, advocates for protection of critical resources, and garners the support it needs to succeed.

- Get over “stage fright” and learn to harness key relationships to advance your work.
- Understand the principles of political influence and the spectrum of advocacy activities.
- Acquire tools and tips that your RCD can use to cultivate relationships with influencers.
- Hone your message and develop an advocacy action plan including local legislative days.

Training Details

The Advocacy Academy will be held at the Conservation Strategy Group office at 1100 11th Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

You'll choose one of the following sets of dates:

- Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6, 2018
- Monday, March 12 and Tuesday, March 13, 2018
- Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20, 2018

The Academy training will be held all day on a Monday. Each will have the same agenda, so you can choose the date most convenient to your RCD. On the Tuesday following your training, you'll meet with your representatives in the State Assembly and Senate. CARCD and its lobbyist, Conservation Strategy Group, will support Academy participants in setting up meetings with legislators at the Capitol. This will allow you to put into practice what you have learned, right away.

The commitment is 10 to 12 total hours over two days, plus travel time. The Bechtel Foundation capacity building grant pays for the cost of the training (a \$1,500 value per person). Participants will need to cover their own travel, travel time meals, and lodging expenses.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this amazing opportunity. We look forward to seeing you in March!

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- Registration – Agricultural Water Reuse Workshop.pdf (~109 KB)
- Draft Agenda – Agricultural Water Reuse Workshop.docx (~81 KB)

Good morning,

The Water Environment and Reuse Foundation (WE&RF) in partnership with the State Water Resources Control Board is holding an **Agricultural Reuse Workshop in Sacramento on January 31, 2018** to inform attendees on the state of the science of agricultural water reuse, particularly as it pertains to the Western United States region.

This includes the unique drivers, design/permitting, treatment technologies, economics, operations, and how to gain stakeholder support. Information presented will include findings from timely WE&RF research efforts and an expert panel session on stakeholder experiences with the use of recycled water for agriculture.

Attached is the draft agenda and information on how to register for the workshop. Registration is also [available online](#). If you have any questions, please contact Kristan VandenHeuvel at kvandenheuvel@werf.org.

Thank you!

Sara

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Thank you for your email.

I am out of the office through December 15th. I will respond to your email when I return on Monday, December 18th.

Thank you,
Mary

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Hi Folks,

Hope you are having a great holiday season!!

CARCD works closely with the California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN) on climate and agriculture policy and practice including funding for programs like Healthy Soils and SWEEP. CalCAN is launching a new Alliance membership program, and I'm pleased to say that CARCD recently became a member. I encourage RCDs interested in climate and agriculture issues to consider doing the same.

The CalCAN Alliance network is comprised of farmers and ranchers, organizations and businesses interested in collaborating on policy issues and staying informed about avenues for strategic engagement. Joining does not imply support of any specific positions, nor does it oblige any member to take any specific actions. When you sign up, you will indicate the topics you are interested in and the types of activities you want to be contacted about.

For more information, please contact Renata Brillinger, CalCAN's Executive Director, at renata@calclimateag.org or (707) 329-6374.

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Subject **[CARCD Updates] 2017 Conference Presentations Available Online**
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Hi Everyone,

A selection of the presentations from the conference last month are now [available online](#). We've kept the entire agenda online and have added links to presentations that we have available in a pdf format.

**If you were a presenter at the conference and would like to share you presentation online – please [email it to me](#).*

And if you haven't taking our [online survey](#) yet about the conference – please do! It's less than 10 questions and we really appreciate your feedback – we are already planning 2018's event!

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] CDFA Dairy Digester Development Program accepting applications**

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Good morning,

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is accepting applications for the Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP). The program, which is funded through California Climate Investment dollars, provides financial assistance for the installation of dairy digesters in California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Applications are due by Friday, January 26, 2018 through the FFAST system.

CDFA will hold two free workshops and one webinar to provide information on program requirements and the FFAST application process. If you want to attend a workshop please e-mail grants@cdfa.ca.gov with your contact information, number of seats requested, and the workshop location.

Workshop and Webinar details:

Modesto - Wednesday, January 3, 2018,
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner Office, Room HI,
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, CA 95358

Tulare - Thursday, January 4, 2018
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner Office Conference Room
Agricultural Building
4437 S Laspina Street
Tulare, CA 93274

Webinar - Monday, January 8, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
To register for the webinar, please visit the program webpage at www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/DD.

Thank you!

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] USDA Seeks Applications
for \$10 Million in Conservation Innovation
Grants**



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Good morning,

An exciting funding opportunity has come across our radar that looks like a great fit for RCDs working on grazing lands, organic systems, and/or soil health.

NRCS plans to invest \$10 million in the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program, funding innovative conservation projects in these three focus areas:

- **Grazing Lands:** Helping livestock producers make grazing management decisions, encouraging prescribed burning as a grazing management practice, and improving access to conservation planning tools used for developing grazing management plans.
- **Organic Agriculture Systems:** Helping organic producers develop innovative cropping and tillage systems, edge-of-field monitoring, crop rotations and intercropping systems.
- **Soil Health:** Supporting both cropping and grazing systems, in a variety of climatic zones, that incorporate soil health management systems for addressing specific resource concerns like nutrients and availability. Evaluating multiple soil health assessment methods to assist in the development of new soil health indicators and thresholds.

Grant proposals are due Feb. 26, 2018. [Please click here to review the program funding announcement and application materials.](#)

If you are interested in applying, NRCS is [hosting a webinar](#) on Jan. 11, 2018 at 1pm PST.

Thank you!

Sara

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Subject **Registration open for the first RCD Board Boot Camp of 2018!**



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Date 2017-12-21 11:00



Dear Rose,

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the first of three CARCD Board Leadership "Boot Camps" in 2018!

Why Participate in the RCD Board Leadership "Boot Camp"?

The RCD Board Leadership "Boot Camp" is a rare opportunity to participate in a program designed to meet the specific needs of RCD leaders. In this training directors will build the confidence that it takes to be successful in the unique work environment of an RCD and meet other RCD directors doing the same kinds of work. Participants will:

- Learn about best practices for boards of directors—how to be a great board and a great board member
- Gain confidence in how to bring their own individual skills and capacities to the table to help ensure the RCD's success
- Build community and form statewide connections with other board leaders

The "Boot Camp" consists of the following commitments:

- Half hour telephone call with one of the Solid Ground Consulting staff
- 1.5 day retreat with up to 25 other participants – see details below for dates for the retreat
- 3 facilitated follow up calls with a cohort of 5 or 6 your peers

RCD Board "Boot Camp" No. 1: Retreat Details

- **Date:** Starting Friday, February 23 at 3:30pm through all day Saturday, February 24, 2018

- **Location:** Jesuit Retreat Center located at 1001 Boole Road in Applegate, CA (about 40 minutes east of downtown Sacramento)
- **Eligibility:** Directors from RCDs anywhere in the state are welcome to attend
- **Cost:** CARCD's Bechtel Foundation capacity building grant pays for the cost of the training (a \$2,000 value per person). Overnight accommodations and four meals (Friday dinner and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday) will be provided. Participants will need to cover their own travel and travel time meals.
- **Registration:** **Please use this form to register for the retreat in Applegate, CA by January 23, 2018.**

If you missed the first application period for the Board "Boot Camp" earlier this year or if you are interested in participating but the first "Boot Camp" retreat dates don't work for you, please contact us. We will do our best to make sure that one of the other retreats later in 2018 will work for your schedule.

Thank you and Happy Holidays from the CARCD team!

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Subject **[CARCD Updates] Feedback needed- DFW fisheries grant programs**
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Hi Folks,

Hope you are all preparing for a restful and fun break.

DFW is having some conversations about their various fisheries grant programs. I will be attending what sounds like will be a series of meetings starting early next to talk about needed changes.

I would love some input on how the programs are working. I have attached the letter that a number of you helped us compile on the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program a few years back. Please let me know if you have additional comments or if anything has changed.

If there is a need, I can put together a conference call in January.

Also, I would love a volunteer if someone is interested in coming and participating in at least one of the meetings.

Thanks for your input and have a great and well deserved break!!
Karen

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Thanks,
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January 26, 2015

Dear Mr. Schaeffer,

On behalf of the 98 RCDs in California, I would like to sincerely thank you for the time and energy you have put into addressing our concerns about the FRGP program. Like you, we are committed to species recovery, creating habitat, removing barriers, and working to find solutions for salmonids.

As frequent grantees and your partner in getting the work done on the ground, we greatly appreciate your openness and receptiveness to our suggestions.

We want to thank you for the requests that have already been fulfilled:

- RCDs now have a seat on the Peer Review Committee
- Clarification on no-cost extensions
- Clarification on Budget Amendments
- FRGP working on less detailed budgets
- Adding RCDs to your website as common recipients and partners

After our conversation, we have had a chance to reflect and would like to add a few more comments about the requests we previously made.

1) Allow No-Cost Extensions

We appreciated the clarification that no-cost extensions are allowable under the program. However, in practice we are still running into barriers to receiving them. We have heard that the extension process takes too long which creates 2 problems:

- a) If the grant is close to the end when the extension is requested, we are unable to obtain it. We will be more proactive and work with RCDs to make sure they allow ample time to submit, however, we also request that the approval process be shortened, possibly allowing field level staff to make the decision rather than requiring approval from the Sacramento Office.
- b) Field staff are sometimes unwilling to put the request in due to the length of time it requires, again, shortening the approval time would alleviate this issue.

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- c) When no additional cost budget amendments are requested the grantee has to stop billing until the amendment is approved which takes approximately 90 days which is a hardship to RCDs. We would like to request that this decision be a DFW staff decision to shorten the duration of the financial hardship.

2) *A more timely application and review process*

We appreciated you filling us in on the detailed and complicated process that is involved with making high-quality, effective decisions on grant funding. We are asking three possible solutions to the issue.

- a) Applications can be taken on a rolling basis and are initiated by a contact to the field office. A site visit and project design with the DFW field staff could serve as the pre-proposal. A partnership at the local level could jointly submit the proposals.
- b) The site visit can be eliminated.
- c) The planning and education grants could have a separate review time table given that they don't require a site visit or CEQA.
- d) Introducing regional block grants so that the review efforts and proposal writing efforts would be more focused.

We also heard your requests for assistance in making the partnership run smoothly. We have gathered several pieces of information for you and are looking at ways that we can engage more fully in the conversation. They include:

1) Documents

- a. Examples of how we calculate our cost allocations in order to justify a higher overhead rate (See Attachment A)
- b. Information on the challenges we have had getting no cost extensions and budget changes
- c. Provide examples of budgets from other State Agencies with grant programs (Attachment B)
- d. Example Operational Agreements/ MOUs with other state agencies i.e. CalFire and State Parks (Attachment C)

Commented [B1]: Can someone do this?

2) More Fully Engage in the Statewide Conversation

- a. Provide you with more comprehensive description of what RCDs do and what our collective vision of fisheries restoration is.
- b. Comment on the Focus Table and provide feedback on where we agree and where we think improvements can be made
- c. Engage in Statewide Fisheries conferences and seminars
- d. Discuss allowable cost share with NOAA

Thank you for taking the time to consider these additional requests. Please let us know if we can be of assistance or provide additional information. We look forward to the

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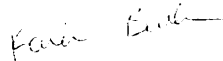
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continued partnership and value greatly the work of DFW and the FRGP program in protecting the habitat of such important species. We look forward to continue to engage in our shared goals and work. The RCDs remain committed to being your partners on the ground.

Thank you,



Karen Buhr
Executive Director

On behalf of the 98 RCDs in the State with consultation of the RCDs that apply for and implement FRGP projects.

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Great news from the RCPP announcements for RCDs/ CARCD.

CARCD is being recommended for the full \$10 million dollars requested to assist landowners in removing dead and dying trees in the High Mortality Areas of the Sierra Nevadas. CARCD will be coordinating with over 35 partners including local RCDs to assist the hard hit landowners. Thanks to everyone who helped us bring this important resource into the State!!

Congrats also to Palo Verde RCD, RCD of Monterey County and RCD of Santa Cruz County.

Looking forward to connecting with you all on these projects and all of our really important work in the new year!!

Thanks,
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Dear RCD Family,

At the end of the year I just wanted to take a minute to say congratulations and thank you for all the hard fought work you all do for conservation, agriculture and your communities!!

I know sometimes the work seems thankless and sometimes it even seems unappreciated, but we appreciate all the dedication, blood, sweat and tears you put in every day!! You are making a difference in your community and in your State. Your passion and accomplishments make it easy to tell a compelling story about how important you are to the State.

Together, the RCDs are making huge progress!! 2017 was a great year in building support, funding and awareness of the important work you are doing in your community. 2018 promises to be even brighter.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and some well deserved time off. Looking forward to talking with you all in 2018!!! Thanks for being part of the RCD family!

Karen

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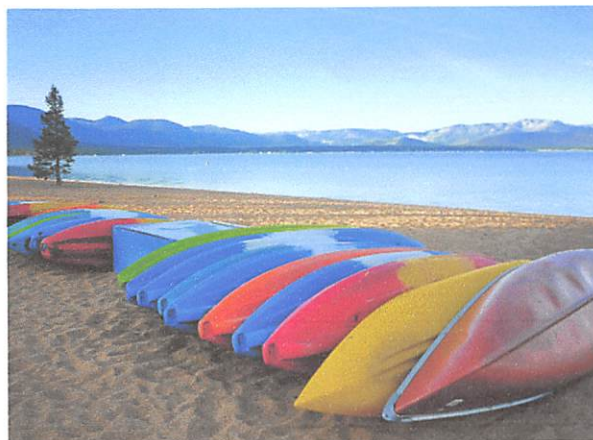


Subject **River Rally 2018 - Register Now!**
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[Register for River Rally today!](#)

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REGISTER NOW! River Rally 2018 | April 29 – May 2, 2018 | Olympic Valley, California

Join us for our annual gathering of the river and watershed community April 29th – May 2nd, 2018, in Olympic Valley, California. Registration is now open! The 2018 conference will celebrate the [50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act](#) and highlight some of the best ways communities and individuals protect, restore, and conserve water for people and nature. This year's workshops are packed with content--success stories, tools, resources, and best practices--to help water champions of all types expand impact on the ground. Plus, join field trips to learn and be inspired by positive impact on local waters. [Read about the full River Rally program.](#)

Register Now

We offer full-conference and single-day registration options, which include access to River Rally programming, programmed meals, and social events. Field trips and side meetings may entail an additional cost. Registration discounts are available for early birds, current dues-paying [River Network members](#), presenters, and [sponsors](#).

River Network will offer a limited number of scholarships for those who need financial assistance to attend River Rally. The scholarship application will be open until February 1st, 2018, and can be submitted with conference registration, along with a non-refundable \$20 application fee.

The countdown has officially begun. The Rally Team at River Network is looking forward to seeing you at the [Resort at Squaw Creek](#)!

ABOUT RIVER RALLY

River Rally, hosted annually by River Network, is a national conference for river and water champions. Unique in its focus on providing practical education, inspiring courage, and celebrating achievements, River Rally brings together hundreds of people from across the country and the world who care about rivers and water issues. Join NGO staff and volunteers, academics, agency and foundation representatives, industry innovators, and community leaders for the biggest and most fun water-focused event of the year!



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Subject **River Currents December 2017 Issue**
From Radha Marcum, River Network <info@rivernetwork.org>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2017-12-08 12:20



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NEWS



San Juan River, Colorado, photo courtesy of Nicole Silk.

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Why National Monuments Matter to Our Rivers

President Trump's decision to radically shrink Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, if allowed to stand, will change the landscape and its rivers irrevocably into perpetuity. The new administration's stance on public land is not favorable to clean water and healthy rivers. Our public lands are sources of our water supply and serve as water banks for long-term sustainability and reliability. They provide this necessity without expense, if we take care of them. In the acres stripped of national monument status, water-intensive activities like coal, oil, and uranium extraction and mining will accelerate. These activities will result in water pollution as contaminants find their way into rivers. In short, the change in status will carry threats to water quantity and water quality. [Read the full article on the River Network Blog.](#)

RIVER NETWORK

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

December 19, 2017, 2:00-3:00pm EST

Webinar - How Much is A River Worth? *Understanding the Economic Impact of the Huron*

River and Water Trail. In 2016, the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) commissioned a unique study to measure the economic impact of the river on local communities, focusing on Huron River Water Trail and the river's ecosystem services. They found the river's contribution to the local economy to be enormous. Join us for this webinar to learn the details of how the study was conducted, its key findings and how HRWC anticipates using the information to support its ongoing work. This webinar is free. [Learn more and register here.](#)

January 11, 2018, 1:00-2:00pm EST

Webinar - Fundraising Essentials for Success: *All In! How to Fundraise as a Team.*

Fundraising is a team effort. There are separate and distinct roles for each member of the team, which can be blurred, depending on the organization. This session explores board and staff fundraising responsibilities; the role of the development committee; the time and energy involved in each step of the fundraising cycle; and common fundraising mistakes. This premium webinar is open to current dues-paying River Network members only. [Learn more and register here.](#)

[RIVER RALLY 2018 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!](#)

Join us for our annual gathering of the river and watershed community April 29th – May 2nd, 2018, in Olympic Valley, California. The 2018 conference will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and highlight some of the best ways communities and individuals protect, restore, and conserve water for people and nature. Plus, join field trips to learn and be inspired by positive impact on local waters. [Read about the full River Rally program](#) and [register early for the best price](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Call for Nominations: 2018 Urban Waters Learning Network Awards

The Urban Waters Learning Network Awards, sponsored by the U.S. EPA, celebrate Urban Waters Learning Network members with significant achievements that have improved urban waterways and revitalized neighborhoods in their community. The awards ceremony will take place during the Urban Waters Learning Forum on April 29th, 2018, as part of River Rally. [Submit nominations now through January 24th, 2018.](#)



Countdown to the 50th Anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act!

In 2018 the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act turns 50. The Wild & Scenic Rivers Council provides ideas,

materials, and planning resources to help you and your community celebrate this milestone.

[Download materials](#), explore events, and connect with others celebrating local waters at the [WSRA 50th Anniversary website](#).

RIVER NETWORK MEMBER BENEFITS

River Network's Membership Options are Changing!

On December 1st, River Network rolled out [exciting updates to our membership options](#), including new membership perks for dues-paying members. Make sure your membership is up to date to enjoy River Rally registration discounts, access to the Business for Water Stewardship funding platform, and premium webinars for paid members. [Explore membership benefits](#).

Renew or join today!

MORE FROM RIVER NETWORK

See upcoming [Community Events](#).

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Subject **A Meaningful Gift**
From Storey Blackwell at River Network
<development@rivernetwork.org>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2017-12-20 06:16



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Sustainer's Circle gifts of \$10 or more each month, make giving to River Network easy and convenient.

Headwaters Society members who give \$1,000 or more receive special opportunities to learn, engage, and celebrate with the River Network community.

Make a gift in honor of someone who cares about clean water and healthy

Dear Rose,

One donation to River Network supports hundreds of organizations and thousands of individuals who protect and restore rivers and waters in communities throughout North America. With your support we can connect empower these waters champions, help them respond to urgent crises, and mobilize our community to protect everyone's right to clean and affordable water.



Your gift to the River Network plays an important role in equipping local leaders with the tools they need to succeed. Your tax-deductible donation will enable us to bring people together to solve water problems. It will help light up the connections across our network—local to local, and state to state—building a foundation for the gifts of healthy rivers and clean, affordable water to be shared equitably.

I hope we can count on your support.

Sincerely yours,

rivers! Just go to our online donation form and check the box under 'Dedicate Your Gift.' Check out the many ways to [support our work](#).

Storey Blackwell
Donor Relations Director



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Subject **Only Two Days Left to Make Your Tax-Deductible Donation!**

From Storey Blackwell at River Network
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Date 2017-12-29 06:03



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Gifts of any amount are welcome and appreciated!

Headwaters Society members who give \$1,000 or more receive special opportunities to learn, engage, and celebrate with the River Network community.

Did you know that Charitable IRA Rollovers allow donors age 70 ½ and older to transfer Individual Retirement Account (IRA) assets directly to public charities, count the transfer toward their required minimum

Dear Rose,

We know you care about the support that River Network provides to water champions throughout the country. We also know how fast the end of the year can sneak up on us. In all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, did you forget to make your donation to River Network?

Your tax-deductible donation to River Network during our year-end campaign will help us provide connections and access to solutions for everyone who cares about water—conservation professionals and anglers, ranchers and rafters, community organizers and volunteers, indigenous rights advocates and scientists, parents and kids, and the list goes on. Our work is as diverse as the people we serve and the challenges they face.

With your support, we can bring people together to solve water problems and mobilize our community to protect everyone's right to affordable clean water and healthy rivers. Only by coming together can we defend clean and ample water for all in the coming year.

I hope we can count on you.

For our shared water future,
Storey Blackwell
Donor Relations Director

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Subject **Re: Fwd: December Management and Monitoring Meeting**



From Rick Neugebauer <rneuge@gmail.com>
To Hugh Wood <hwood@sawatershed.org>
Cc Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>, James Law <jlw@sawatershed.org>, Melody Aimar <maimar@sawatershed.org>
Reply-To <rneuge@gmail.com>
Date 2017-12-11 14:54

Thank you for the clarification.

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On Dec 11, 2017 1:50 PM, "Hugh Wood" <hwood@sawatershed.org> wrote:
Correction on my earlier email on the genesis of this borer. This golden oak borer originated in San Diego.
Hugh

On Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 12:20 PM, Rick Neugebauer <rneuge@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks for the heads up.

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On Dec 11, 2017 10:38 AM, "Hugh Wood" <hwood@sawatershed.org> wrote:
Thought I would share this info with you. This borer has had a tremendous impact on oaks in Northern California. It looks like it is attempting to get a toe hold here in So Cal. In that this area is in your District I thought I would give you a heads up. I'll be talking to James and Melody about actions we might want to take.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Karen Riesz <kriesz@biomonitoringrca.org>
Date: December 11, 2017 at 9:02:10 AM PST
To: Michelle Mariscal <mmariscal@biomonitoringrca.org>, Jen Hoffman <jhoffman@biomonitoringrca.org>, Bob Packard <bpackard@biomonitoringrca.org>, Karyn L Drennen <kldrennen@biomonitoringrca.org>, Nicholas Peterson <Nicholas.Peterson@wildlife.ca.gov>, Jeff Brandt <Jeff.Brandt@wildlife.ca.gov>, Heather Pert <Heather.Pert@wildlife.ca.gov>, Joanna Gibson <joanna.gibson@wildlife.ca.gov>, Kim Freeburn <kim.freeburn@wildlife.ca.gov>, Kimberly Romich <Kimberly.Romich@wildlife.ca.gov>, Scott Sewell <Scott.Sewell@wildlife.ca.gov>, Eddy Konno <Eddy.Konno@wildlife.ca.gov>, Karen Miner <karen.miner@wildlife.ca.gov>, Brian Beck <brbeck@wrcrca.org>, Tara Graham <tgraham@biomonitoringrca.org>, Edith Martinez <Edith.Martinez@wildlife.ca.gov>, Jonathan Reinig <jreinig@rivcoparks.org>, Carly Beck <Carly.Beck@wildlife.ca.gov>, Erika Presley <presley@rcrcd.org>, Shani Pynn <pynn@rcrcd.com>,

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Subject: Fwd: Re: December Management and Monitoring Meeting

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Subject:Re: December Management and Monitoring Meeting

Date:Thu, 7 Dec 2017 16:52:04 +0000

From:Turner, Kevin@CALFIRE <kevin.turner@fire.ca.gov>

To:Karen Riesz <kriesz@biomonitoringrca.org>

Hi Karen,

You may wish to share with the group that goldspotted oak borer has been detected on purple prism traps at El Cariso in Riverside County near the Orange County border. It is the first GSOB infestation found in Riverside County outside of the Idyllwild area in the San Jacintos. Additional beetles were captured on traps near the Falcon and Blue Jay campgrounds to the west in Orange County; an infested coast live oak was found nearby.

USFS Forest Health Protection (Stacy Hishinuma and Andrea Hefty) are surveying more of the area today and into next week. This GSOB discovery does not bode well for western Riverside County (or eastern Orange County).

Thank you,

Kevin Turner

Southern California Invasive Pest Coordinator

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From: Karen Riesz <kriesz@biomonitoringrca.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 8:33:06 AM

To: Tom Scott; Michael Allen; Edith Allen; Cameron Barrows; Mike Bell; Helen May Regan; Travis Bean; Joseph Messin; Ken Halama; Turner, Kevin@CALFIRE; Pablo Bryant; Gregory Pauly; Chris McDonald; Jack

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Subject: December Management and Monitoring Meeting

Hi, everyone.

The monthly Western Riverside County MSHCP Management/Monitoring Coordination Meeting will be held next Thursday, December 14, from 10 AM - 12 PM. We'll meet at our usual location in the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) conference room (Bldg F near the Monitoring Program office in Riverside). Directions and the agenda are attached.

Kate Kramer, our scheduled speaker, had something come up and has postponed her talk to another month. I will let everyone know if a replacement can be found.

Hope to see you next week,
Karen

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Subject **Win a \$100 Amazon gift card for your input**
From Government Technology <exchangesurveys@govtech.com>
To Dave <dave.mcelroy@teamrcd.org>
Date 2017-12-12 07:09



Hello Dave,

The Center for Digital Government is conducting a survey to examine the differences that make special districts distinct from other levels of government.

The survey should only take 5 minutes of your time and if you complete it, you'll have the opportunity to view anonymous survey results to see how other professionals in your field answered the questions.

As a thank you for your time, you may choose to enter into a drawing to win one of three \$100 Amazon gift cards (if you win, you can choose a charity donation instead).

Click the link below to begin. Please feel free to forward this email to a colleague or friend who is qualified to speak on this topic.

[Start Survey](#)

Best regards,

Joe Morris
Vice President of Research
Center for Digital Government

*To be declared an official winner, you must complete the survey and provide any requested documentation. Failure to do so may result in your entry being disqualified and the prize forfeited.

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Subject **2016-17 Financial Audit Results, Proposed Bylaw Revisions**

From SDRMA - Greg Hall, CEO <ghall@sdrma.org>

To <dave.mcelroy@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <memberplus_accounts@sdrma.org>

Date 2017-11-06 11:24



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2016-17 Financial Audit Results

SDRMA's annual financial audit was recently completed and presented to the Board of Directors at their November 2, 2017 board meeting. Once again SDRMA received an unmodified opinion which is issued by an auditor when the financial statements presented are free from material misstatements and are represented fairly in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GASB).

In other words, SDRMA's financial condition, position, and operations are fairly presented in our financial statements. It is the best type of report opinion an auditee may receive from an external auditor. In addition, there were no internal control deficiencies "findings" and no management improvement recommendations. This is the 7th year in a row with no findings!

SDRMA has more than \$111.9M in Total Assets, an increase of \$1.6M or 1.5% compared to last year. Total Liabilities are now \$62M, an increase of \$3.8M or 6.5% over last year. Total Net Position decreased to \$50.2M, roughly \$2M or 3.7% less than last year. The decrease includes a decision by the Board of Directors to use reserves for any shortfall in revenue while keeping rates as low and stable as possible. In addition, investment earnings continue to be minimal while the investment market is still unstable.

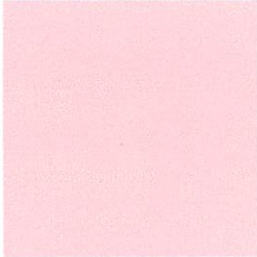

The complete financial audit including the Management,



Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is available now in MemberPlus Online under document library by [clicking here](#) and then logging in to MemberPlus Online.

Proposed Bylaw Revisions

On November 1, 2017 the SDRMA Board of Directors approved tentative revisions to the SDRMA Bylaws. There was an issue that needed to be addressed to protect the overall pool regarding member terminations as well as some minor housekeeping revisions.



All members will be receiving a letter along with a copy of the proposed Bylaw revisions for review and comment and to meet the 30 day written notice provision in accordance with the current Bylaws. The Board will take final action to approve the revised Bylaws at their January 3-4, 2018 board meeting.

New Members

The SDRMA Board of Directors approved the following new members at their November 1-2 board meeting;

Property/Liability Program (currently 503 members)

Kern Health Systems
Surfside Colony Storm Water Protection District

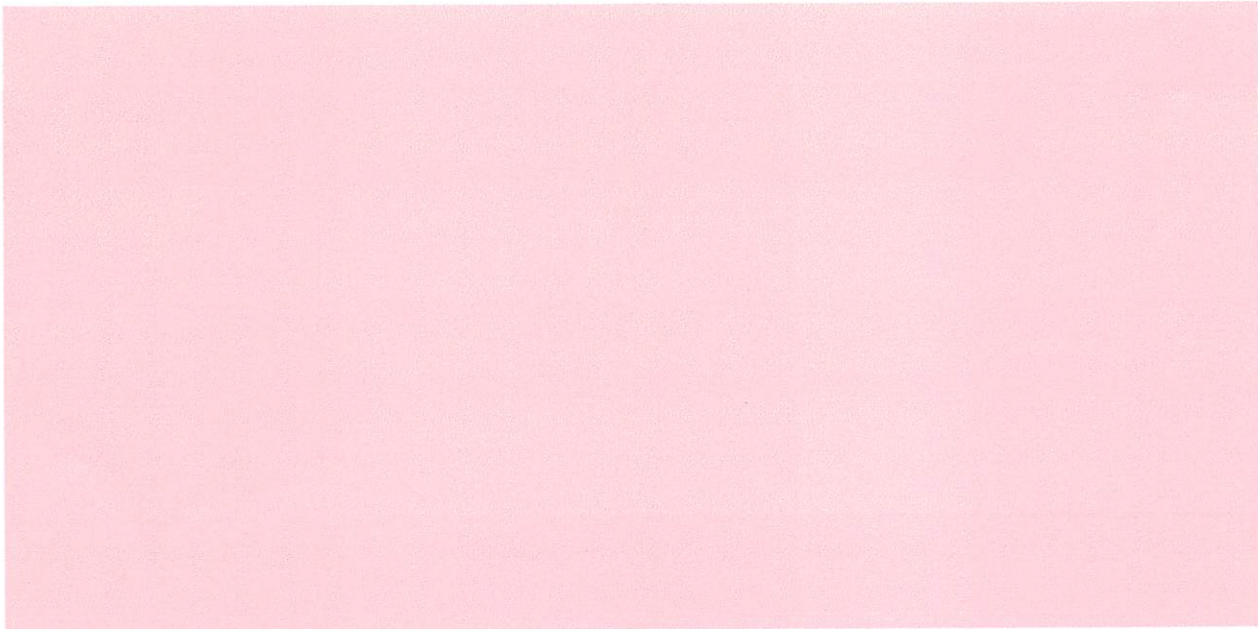
Workers' Compensation Program (currently 439 members)

No new members

Health Benefits Program (currently 129 groups)

Beaumont Library District
Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Superior Court of California, County of Sierra

The SDRMA Board of Directors and staff welcomes you to SDRMA and are here to serve all your risk management needs!



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