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Building Community to Support Healthy Forests

HENRY MCCANN FEBRUARY 1, 2018

California’s mountainous headwater forests are in crisis, and an all-hands-on-deck approach is needed to improve their health. A combination of factors—dense forests with too many small trees, abundant ground fuels, and large patches of dead trees—leaves them increasingly vulnerable to severe wildfire. The best way to address the impacts of tree mortality and improve forest health is with **strategic use of fire and mechanical thinning**.

A big challenge to increasing the pace and scale of forest management is the patchwork nature of California’s headwaters. Implementing forest management is particularly challenging for many people who own family forests (parcels less than 5,000 acres in size), which make up about a quarter of the Sierra Nevada

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headwater forests. The high cost of forestry work on these small land holdings is a major barrier for many owners.

Resource conservation districts (RCDs) are one of several locally governed entities that can play an important role in helping landowners improve forest health. RCDs are authorized by the state to perform a variety of resource and land management functions, including forest stewardship, fuels management, and watershed planning and management. There are about 20 RCDs covering most of the Sierra Nevada headwater region. RCDs are well versed in local resource management issues and often are more trusted by local landowners than state or federal agencies.

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While many RCDs may be keen to take on new roles and responsibilities to meet their local forest management needs, establishing long-term funding to support these efforts is a major challenge. Less than 15 of the state's 99 RCDs have adequate funding through local property taxes; the rest are supported by less-stable sources such as grants or appropriations from county governments. Finding durable funding sources for headwater RCDs could help spur long-term forest management work that would bring benefits to entire watersheds.

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To **Rose Corona**
Date **Today 11:02**

Hi Rose,

It's exciting to hear that you and Mission RCD have a collaborative project in mind! Funding is always the biggest challenge, so going after any opportunity that might support that effort is a good idea. Considering that this project would have both social and ecological benefits, it sounds like the Rose Foundation funding could be a good fit. You'd just have to make that case clear to them.

The state has standard definitions of what classifies as a disadvantaged community. [Here's a mapping tool](#) that could be useful in finding out if the constituents within your project area fit that criteria. Even if they don't, you can still make the case that the project you are working on is being developed directly for the benefit of the homeless population in your area and therefore benefits disadvantaged communities.

Submitting a Letter of Interest to the Rose Foundation would be a good way to outline your project and see if they'd be interested in funding it, before you have to go through the entire process of writing the proposal.

If you do end up going after that funding, best of luck! And please let me know if I can answer any other questions. We will keep sending other funding opportunities as we come across them.

Best,

Sara

On Wed, Jan 31, 2018 at 7:37 AM, Rose Corona
<rose.corona@teamrcd.org> wrote:

Sara,
We're thinking of working on a project possibly with Mission RCD to address homelessness in our watershed. We have obtained support from Fish and Wildlife if we can come up with something that truly would be a template for cities and communities in the State. No one has set forth a good template to help address this issue and we want to be on the forefront of it. But of course...all it takes is money. I don't know that Temecula is "disadvantaged" however we do have Lake Elsinore in our district that may be considered that. Regardless of the community it is located in, the people and homeless in the watershed ARE disadvantaged



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Date 2018-02-09 08:51



Hi Folks,

Thanks so much for participating in the calls a few weeks back to help prepare for the meeting with DFW on grant programs.

I wanted to give you an update.

The meeting was among 10 or so DFW staff including Chuck Bonham, 10-15 partner organizations including Trout Unlimited, Salmonid Restoration Federation, TNC and others. Thanks Kellyx for joining me!!

DFWs goal in bringing everyone together was to take a hard look at the grant programs and "redesign" them to be more effective. Ideas on the table included block grants, connecting all the programs to each other in one common application, rewriting or rereferencing code among other topics. The conversation switched between high level program and grant design to micro details on the application process. We (as well as other partners) passed on many of the concerns expressed in our conversation and comments. We were also able to talk globally about how the programs could function better.

This was a kick off meeting for the group. We will be coming back together at a regular interval over the next 6-8 months to make recommendations for the "overhaul" of the programs.

That is a quick overview of the process. Please let me know if you have any questions. Kellyx, please feel free to add or subtract!!!

Thanks for all your help in sharing your experiences so that we could adequately represent your needs in the meeting.

Have a great weekend!!

Karen

On Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 10:16 AM, Karen Buhr <karen-buhr@carcd.org> wrote:

Hi Folks,

Hope you all had a great weekend!

Thanks for all your feedback and contributions to our comments on the FRGP and other DFW grant programs last week! I really appreciate it.

I have edited the google doc. Can you please take a moment today or tomorrow to go in and edit and make sure I accurately captured your thoughts?

I plan on taking a hard copy on Wednesday as well as using this as a guide for our meeting.

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Thanks,
Karen

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Rosi,

I echo your sentiments that this year was frustrating. For reasons that are still unacceptable to me (I won't go into the details in this email but anyone can feel free to call me), this year the Peer Review Committee was not utilized for proposal review even though it is **required by the California Fish and Game Code**. The only scores that were utilized were from the Technical Review Teams (TRT), which have been heavily criticized by Department and NOAA staff for making it not possible for them to score good projects well. The TRT scores also have less flexibility and only go to the half point, I believe. As a result, almost all of the money went to a handful of counties in Northern California. Our proposal is number one on the contingency list because there were a large number of proposals with the exact same score and rather than refine them based on benefit to the fisheries, where ours would have scored higher, they applied a "first come first funded" standard that no one has ever heard of before in this program and I have not seen in the PSN. We would have submitted our proposal weeks earlier.

It also appears that the list that went out only includes projects funded with NOAA funds. The remaining program funds, which come from the State, appear not to have been included. I am hopeful that the State will contribute its \$2-4M and more projects further down the list will be funded.

I have been on countless conference calls about this year's program and it was, unfortunately, quite a mess. Director Bonham is acutely aware of the concerns and taking steps to engage fish restorationists from across the state in making all of the Department's funding programs better. I am hopeful about this process and grateful for his attention to the issues but concerned about whether Director Bonham will be in his current position long enough to effect change. It will be important for us to stay engaged through CARCD, which the Department considers a valuable partner.

Best,
 Kx



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Date 2018-02-09 09:05



Morning Karen,
Thanks so much for the update. With the release of the grants funded, and only 3 project funded south of San Francisco, those of us in Southern parts of the state are feeling a bit neglected and overlooked. This bias really needs to be addressed.

So glad there will be continuing conversations and I so appreciate your efforts on our behalf. Rosi

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On Fri, Feb 9, 2018 at 8:51 AM, Karen Buhr <karen-buhr@carcd.org> wrote:

Hi Folks,

Thanks so much for participating in the calls a few weeks back to help prepare for the meeting with DFW on grant programs.

I wanted to give you an update.

The meeting was among 10 or so DFW staff including Chuck Bonham, 10-15 partner organizations including Trout Unlimited, Salmonid Restoration Federation, TNC and others. Thanks Kellyx for joining me!!

DFWs goal in bringing everyone together was to take a hard look at the grant programs and "redesign" them to be more effective. Ideas on the table included block grants, connecting all the programs to each other in one common application, rewriting or rereferencing code among other topics. The conversation switched between high level program and grant design to micro details on the application process. We (as well as other partners) passed on many of the concerns expressed in our conversation and comments. We were also able to talk globally about how the programs could function better.

This was a kick off meeting for the group. We will be coming back together at a regular interval over the next 6-8 months to make recommendations for the "overhaul" of the programs.

That is a quick overview of the process. Please let me know if you have any questions. Kellyx, please feel free to add or subtract!!!

Thanks for all your help in sharing your experiences so that we could adequately represent your needs in the meeting.

Have a great weekend!!
Karen

Subject **[CARCD Updates] Glenn**
From Karen Buhr <CARCD_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net>
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To <rose.corona@teamrkd.org>
Reply-To <karen-buhr@carcd.org>
Date 2018-02-12 07:26



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Subject **A message has been posted for Regional Meeting?**
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Devin Best has posted a new message in Regional Meeting?
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Hello, We haven't heard anything about the next Central Coast Area regional meeting...is there a master calendar somewhere that shows where the meetings will be and when?

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Date 2018-02-12 11:28



Karen,

Gawd dam. A very good life lived, but at times like this, does not seem fair. See everyone soon.

Patrick

----- Original message-----

From: Karen Buhr
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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] CDFW Now Accepting
Fisheries Habitat Restoration Project Proposals**



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Date 2018-02-20 14:59

Good afternoon,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is now accepting proposals for projects under its Fiscal Year 2018-19 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN).

Applications must be submitted online by Friday, March 30, 2018 at 5 p.m.

CDFW will also hold a series of public workshops to assist applicants in understanding the requirements of the PSN. Applicants are encouraged to attend a workshop even if they have submitted proposals in the past.

Workshops will be held in Yreka, Fortuna, Fort Bragg, Sacramento, Petaluma, San Luis Obispo, Los Alamitos, Monterey and Camarillo on various dates in February. For details and meeting contact information, please see the PSN Workshop Letter.

If you have any questions please let us know!

Thank you,

Sara

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Subject **[CSG Update] Legislative Bills to watch - report from CSG - NEW!**

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To <manager@teamrkd.org>

Reply-To <emily-sutherland@carcd.org>

Date 2018-02-20 13:53



Hi Everyone,

The last day for the legislature to submit bills for the 2018 Legislative Session for California was last Friday, February 16th.

Conservation Strategy Group has put together a list of bills to watch that will be of interest to RCDs. [This link](#) will be updated automatically as the bills move through the legislative process, so you can track it all in real-time.

It a great tool that RCDs can use to monitor what is going on at the Capitol this year! A big thanks to CSG for putting this together for us.

We have also updated the [Legislative and & CSG Info](#) section of the RCD MemberPortal with the link so you can easily access it in the future.

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Subject **[CSG Update] Upcoming Water Bond information**
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Date 2018-02-26 12:41



Hello Everyone,

The CARCD Board of Directors voted at their recent board meeting to support the upcoming Proposition 68 that will be on the ballot in California in June. A fact sheet about Proposition 68, provided by CSG is [available online on the MemberPortal](#).

CARCD has also decided to remain neutral on the [The Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018](#) that is a citizen's initiative water bond that will appear on the November. The fact sheet for that is also available online. CARCD will re-evaluate their position after the results of Proposition 68 is known over the summer.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] Apply ASAP for the CDFA Healthy Soils Program Tech. Assist. Grants!**
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Reply-To <sara-schremmer@carcd.org>
Date 2018-02-26 16:06



Good afternoon!

CDFA is now accepting grant applications from RCDs that are offering technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who are interested in applying to the state's Healthy Soils Program.

You may apply for funding up to \$5,000 and must meet several requirements, including: one-on-one application assistance, technical assistance and internet access for application submission.

Detailed information on funding, eligibility and program requirements can be found at:
www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/IncentivesProgram.html

Applications must be submitted by email no later than March 9, 2018 5:00 p.m. PST.

Please note that these grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis! If you are eligible, please submit your application ASAP to make sure that you don't miss the window of opportunity!

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions,

Sara

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Hi Everyone,

In the past couple of weeks, it's been exciting to see the [Community Forum](#) in the [RCD Member Portal](#) being used by many of you!

As a quick reminder, the Community Forum is a new communication tool available in the RCD Member Portal where members can post or respond to various topics with text and/or attachments.

The benefit to using the Forum is that the content is organized and searchable by topic and category, sort of like a living library, as opposed to e-mail listservs where important content can get buried over time. The Forum is accessible to any RCD staff that have a profile set up in the RCD Member Portal, so anyone from project managers to admins to District Managers to Board Members can use it.

If you plan on using the Forum on a regular basis, here are a couple of helpful things to know:

- Subscribing to a topic means that anytime a user replies to a specific post, anyone who has clicked "Subscribe" will receive an email with a link to the forum post. Users can view a list of My Subscribes, where they can quickly unsubscribe from any topics no longer relevant to them.
- Favoriting a topic will add the topic to a user's My Favorites list. This list is available anytime under My Posts, and can act as a running list of topics a user is interested in revisiting later. Unlike "Subscribe," users won't receive emails when they favorite a topic, so this is a less intrusive way of staying up to date on topics relevant to you.

With the forums being used more regularly, you may have noticed recent e-mail notifications that say they're coming from me when a new topic is posted. You're automatically receiving those e-mail notifications from the system by default, but you can unsubscribe from those notifications at any time.

Adjusting Forum Notifications in the RCD Member Portal

Your contact preferences in the RCD Member Portal are highly customizable. Our goal isn't to bombard you with e-mails, but rather to have a customized system in place that meets your needs. Thank you for your patience as we learn how to use the system along with you!

To adjust the Forum notifications that you receive from us, log in the RCD Member Portal and click on 'My Profile' in the menu bar. A 'My Profile' tab will appear with a 'Contact Preferences' option.

While in 'Contact Preferences' you can adjust the notifications for each forum so that you're only receiving e-mails on the content that is most relevant to you.

We are making lots of exciting changes here at CARCD to help streamline and improve communications and we are always looking for feedback. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Shot Hole Borer Legislation

Hi all-

Nice to e-meet those of you I haven't had a chance to talk to before. As Isabella noted, the hearing for AB 2054 will be Wednesday, March 21st (1:30, Room 126). It's better to get letters of support in sooner rather than later, but we should make sure that everything is in to the committee *at the latest* by Tuesday, March 12th.

Here's a short checklist of what we need:

- Finalized letters from sponsors- I've attached the sample letter of support again. It would be great if you guys can adapt this as your organization sees fit, and send me back an electronic version of a signed letter.
- Outreach to other potential supportive groups- I think we can get a really great coalition of support for this bill from those involved in the environment, urban forestry, and agriculture. Please let me know if you are able to reach out to any other organizations for potential support (and which orgs those would be).
- Any additional academic research or good articles regarding the SHB to submit to the committee
- 2 witnesses to speak for about 2 minutes (or shorter) each on the day of the committee hearing- Do we already have a sense of who this would be? I think it would be great if each person could speak to the issue from a slightly different perspective

Thank you everyone!

Laurel Brodzinsky

Legislative Director

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Good afternoon,

Through our Bechtel-funded Capacity Building Program, CARCD has been developing a new communications plan. One goal of the plan is to help us be more systematic in our communications with the RCD network so that when you hear from us it will be meaningful and relevant to you. We are always excited to hear from you, and we want you to be just as excited when you hear from us!

Based on input from many RCD staff and from Solid Ground Consulting, an immediate change that we will be making is a shift to a Weekly Digest of e-mail announcements. We sincerely hope that this service will be valuable to everyone in our community and we look forward to your feedback!

Rather than sending multiple e-mails each week through the various e-Lists, we will be condensing all of that content into one e-mail that will be sent out on Fridays via the CARCD_Updates e-List. We hope that by reducing the amount of e-mails you're receiving from us, it will ease any burden on you (and your inbox!).

Please note that we are not making any changes to the DM Listserv, since it seems to be working well for everyone who uses it.

Also, if anything urgent (like a time-sensitive funding opportunity) comes up, we will still send out an announcement right away rather than waiting until the end of the week.

There are many other exciting changes coming down the communications pipeline in the coming months, so please keep an eye out for additional announcements from us.

Without further ado, here is CARCD's first Weekly Digest! Thank you and Happy Friday!

Funding Opportunities

- **The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has announced the availability of more than \$6M in funding for aquatic resources restoration projects within the [Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program Area](#)**, which spans 37 counties and 65,000 square miles within the State of California. Pre-proposals are due March 16 and full proposals are due April 20. This is a great opportunity for any RCDs that are working on projects that establish, enhance, restore, or preserve wetland resources in applicable areas!
- **The solicitation period is open for the [Urban Greening Grant Program](#) and proposals are due by April 11, 2018.** Consider applying if your RCD currently (or has the potential to) work on urban greening projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits in your community. Technical assistance workshops are coming up on March 5 in Redding and March 8 in San Diego. [Visit the program website](#) for workshop information and to view the solicitation package.
- **NRCS is now accepting proposals for its [Conservation Innovation Grants program](#).** This funding is particularly relevant for RCDs that are working to address on-farm resource concerns including soil and water quality, wildlife habitat, water conservation, forest health, air quality, waste recycling and energy conservation. Proposals are due by April 17, 2018.
- **PG&E is providing funding for fuel reduction projects in the Sierra Nevada Region.** If your RCD is working to protect communities from wildfires in the Sierra Nevada, PG&E may fund your efforts to clear brush and trees. Proposals are due March 9th.

Legislative and Advocacy Updates

- **Conservation Strategy Group has put together a [list of bills to watch that will be of interest to RCDs](#).** This link will be updated automatically as the bills move through the legislative process, so you can track it all in real-time. It a great tool that RCDs can use to monitor what is going on at the Capitol this year! A big thanks to CSG for putting this together for us. If there are additional bills that you think we should be tracking, please let us know so that they can be added to the report.
- **The 15th Annual Watershed Day at the Capitol is coming up on April 25th!** This is a great opportunity to see relevant speakers, hear legislative updates from partners, and participate in meetings with legislators. Whether your staff or directors are experienced in advocacy or not, this a great opportunity to participate!

Conservation News

- **The 2018 RCD Speak Off topic is "How can RCDs help landowners reduce the threat of fires?"** Related documents and instructions for hosting your own speak-off contest for high school students [can be found on our website](#).
- **The NRCS Plant Materials Center is hosting a [Cover Crops Training](#) on March 14 in Lockeford, CA.** This is a training that helps their planners get prepared for Job Approval Authority. Usually this training is only open to NRCS staff, however thanks to a Western SARE grant it is open to RCDs and their partners as well.
- **The [National Grazing Lands Coalition](#) is hosting their 7th Annual Conference from December 2-5, 2018 in Reno, Nevada.** If any of the following topics are relevant to your RCD, this could be a great technical education opportunity: agriculture water rights; business management & transition planning; economics, marketing & diversification; grazing management for livestock & wildlife; innovative grazing techniques; leases & legal; partnerships & coalition building; policy & programs; soil health; technology tools for agriculture.
- **The Society for Range Management is hosting a [Range and Natural Resources Camp](#),** which will be held June 17-22 at Elkus Ranch in Half Moon Bay, CA. Applications are currently being accepted for this week-long program, designed to introduce high school students to the professional world of plant, animal, and landscape management. If you work with any high school students or youth in 4H or FFA, please let them know about this opportunity and consider sponsoring their attendance!
- **The [Forestry Challenge Championship](#) is taking place April 19-21 in Pinecrest, CA and [they need volunteers](#)!** This is an academic event for high school students, where participants spend four days in the forest learning about the ecology and management of the forested landscapes that provide communities with water, recreational opportunities, wood products, and wildlife habitat.
- **The 2018 California Water Boards Science Symposium will take place on June 20 - 21, 2018 at the CalEPA building in Sacramento, CA.** This is an annual gathering to enhance how we use water quality monitoring to generate meaningful data that informs water quality management decisions. [Abstract and poster submission forms](#) are due by March 19 and [free online registration is available here](#).
- **In anticipation of the release of cap-and-trade auction revenues allocated to protect California's farmland and reduce greenhouse gases, the 2017-2018 Sustainable Ag Land Conservation (SALC) Program draft guidelines are available for public comment!** The Strategic Growth Council is accepting public comments until March 29. Public comments can be e-mailed to CFCP@conservation.ca.gov. If you are interested in submitting public comments in person, please e-mail sara-schremmer@carcd.org for a list of the in-person hearing opportunities.

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Subject **[CARCD Updates] Shot Hole Borer Legislation**
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- AB 2054 Sample Support 022118.docx (18 KB)
- AB 2054 Fact Sheet 022018 FINAL.pdf (180 KB)

Hi everyone,

Sorry for the double whammy, but I'm not yet too familiar with the CARCD Updates yet and I just thought of the perfect audience for this issue last night (visualize head slap) and wanted to get this out to you quickly.

For the past few years, we have been working very hard to stop the spread of the shot hole borer beetle which began in San Diego and now has moved as far north as Santa Barbara. It has devastated our trees--riparian, agriculture, and ornamentals—we don't want it to devastate yours. Also, as the population of these beetles grows, the number of trees it attacks does as well; at this point, we have gone from 32 tree species to over 150 that these beetles are attracted to.

Your support of AB 2054 proposed by Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher is needed and very much appreciated. Can you please write a letter of support for this bill and send it to me by March 12? This will become a statewide issue if we cannot slow/stop the spread and will affect all of us.

Thank you for your support and your voice.

Best regards, Sheryl

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AB 2054– Protect California Trees with Shot Hole Borer Beetle Prevention

IN BRIEF

Assembly Bill 2054 would take steps to protect trees and urban forests in California by setting up a framework of cooperation between the state, local agencies, and stakeholders in combatting the spread of the shot hole borer beetle.

BACKGROUND

Boring beetles, specifically the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer, are spreading across California and causing millions of dollars of damage to our state's trees.

The Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer is an invasive pest which likely originates from South East Asia¹. The tiny beetle bores into trees like the box elder, coast live oak, and avocado, and brings with it a symbiotic fungus that can infect and kill the host trees. Unfortunately, due to recent drought many trees in California are not in optimal health, and so may be more susceptible to infection from the fungus.

Due to the high susceptibility of avocado trees to this fungus, the uncontrolled spread of this beetle will become a significant problem for avocado farmers. The beetle has also impacted a wide variety of tree species in urban areas, where infected trees pose public safety risks because they may fall across roads and sidewalks.

Furthermore, in both urban and rural areas as more trees die from the disease spread by these beetles, they become primed to easily ignite, increasing the threat of serious wildfires.

The beetle is currently most prevalent in Southern California, with a range including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego counties. As of 2016, Orange County Department of Parks and Recreation staff estimated the beetles had caused \$175 million in tree inventory loss².

Currently, it is difficult to stop the spread of this pest because the beetle does not have a natural predator in

California, and common pesticides and fungicides wear off of the trees.

While some local agencies, impacted agriculture, and the Department of Food and Agriculture have begun to invest resources into this problem, there is currently no state framework for how to address this.

SOLUTION

AB 2054 would help protect California's important native, urban, and agricultural trees from the shot hole borer beetle by beginning the process for a statewide coordinated effort.

This bill would:

- Instruct the Invasive Species Council of California and the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee to coordinate with state and local agencies and stakeholder groups in developing a plan to cure or suppress the diseases associated with the spread of shot hole borer beetles.
- After completion of the plan, require state support of efforts to cure or suppress the diseases affiliated with the beetle infestations including:
 - Research for identifying infected trees and preventing further infestation; and
 - Matching grants for local suppression or curative efforts.

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¹http://ucanr.edu/sites/socaloakpests/Polyphagous_Shot_Hole_Borer/

² <https://www.scprr.org/news/2017/06/29/73339/scientists-bet-on-parasitic-wasps-to-beat-shot-hol/>

Please put this letter on your organization's letterhead.

Month, Date, 2018

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 2054 (Gonzalez Fletcher): Shot Hole Borer Beetle Prevention- SUPPORT

Dear Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of [your organization], I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 2054. Assembly Bill 2054 would take steps to protect trees and urban forests in California by setting up a framework of cooperation between the state, local agencies, and stakeholders in combatting the spread of the shot hole borer beetle.

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[Organization's info and specific interest.]

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[Your organization] urges support of AB 2054.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Organization

CC:

Subject **Registration now open for the second RCD Board Boot Camp!**

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Date 2018-03-08 14:46



Dear Dave,

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the *second* CARCD Board Leadership "Boot Camp" of 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:

- Complete a short survey outlining your needs for the retreat workshop
- 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. 2: Retreat Details

- **Date:** Starting Friday, May 18 at 3:30pm through all day Saturday, May 19, 2018
- **Location:** The beautiful ECCO Conference Center located at 43803 Hwy 41 in Oakhurst, CA 93644. Participants will have their own room and private bathroom for the overnight stay.
- **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 only need to pay for their own travel and travel time meals.
- **Registration:** **Please use this form to register for the retreat in Oakhurst, CA by April 2, 2018.**

We hope to see you and your colleagues at this exciting and enriching event! Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Thank you from the CARCD team!

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Reserve your spot today to:

- Hear the keynote address from CalPERS CEO Marcie Frost.
- Participate in pre-arranged meetings with State Legislators and staff in their Capitol offices.
- Attend in-depth policy breakout sessions and hear about significant court rulings and legislative actions impacting special districts.

Visit the [Special Districts Legislative Days website](#) for more information.

To view the agenda or register by mail/fax, [download the brochure](#). Take advantage of the \$50 early bird discount by registering on or before April 20.

Check out these highlights from previous CSDA Legislative Days!



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Room Reservations are available at:

Hyatt Regency Sacramento, 1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Make [online reservation](#) or call 1-800-233-1234 and ask for the "California Special Districts Association" rate. The CSDA rate of \$199 plus tax, single or double occupancy, includes complimentary standard wi-fi in guest rooms.

The room reservation cut-off is **April 30, 2018** but space is limited and rooms may sell out before this date.

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Congrats to Tehama, Fall River, El Dorado, and Sierra RCD!!

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March 9, 2018

Sierra Nevada Conservancy awards nearly \$3 million for forest health and watershed restoration projects

(AUBURN, Calif.) – Yesterday the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Governing Board approved nearly \$3 million in grants for projects that will reduce wildfire risk and restore forest and watershed health in the Sierra

Nevada region. Funding for these projects comes from Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. This is the sixth set of awards made under the SNC's Proposition 1 grant program.

"The 2017 fire season in California was one of the most damaging, and really emphasized the need to focus on the health of our forests," says Jim Branham, Executive Officer for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. "Investing in projects in the Sierra Nevada, like the ones we're supporting today, that reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires, limit greenhouse gas emissions, and protect our water supply is critical for California's future."

The projects approved for funding include:

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Mariposa County - Wagner Ridge Watershed Protection Plan, \$64,750

This grant to the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council will complete the environmental compliance work needed to widen a 4.2-mile section of the Wagner Ridge Fuelbreak between Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. The Project protects two major watersheds that supply municipal and irrigation water into the San Joaquin Valley. This project leverages work funded by the Natural Disaster Resiliency Competition funds, as well as other project work funded by SNC's Proposition 1 grant program.

Fresno County - Pre-Development/Acquisition Planning for a Biomass Utilization Campus at the Auberry Mill Site, \$73,669

This grant to the Sierra Resource Conservation District will complete the pre-development planning, due diligence, and regulatory requirements for the Sierra Resource Conservation District (RCD) to acquire and develop an integrated biomass campus on the Auberry Mill site. The eventual development of a biomass campus on this site will provide a receptacle for non-merchantable biomass for the communities of Auberry and Prather, the High Sierra Ranger District, and private forest landowners, and ultimately protect the Upper San Joaquin and Kings River Basins from large, damaging wildfires.

Tehama County - Childs Meadow Fuel Reduction and Forest Resiliency Project, \$75,000

This grant to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County will complete the planning and environmental compliance necessary to develop a timber harvest plan that will reduce wildfire risk and protect the 1,440-acre area just east of Red Bluff. This project will reduce the risk for large, damaging wildfires within the headwaters of two anadromous fish streams that lead to the Sacramento River system.

Nevada County – 'Inimim Forest Restoration Project, \$75,000

This grant to the Yuba Watershed Institute will fund the completion of biological and cultural resource surveys, develop prescriptions and cost estimates for proposed forest

restoration treatments, and complete the environmental compliance necessary to thin overly-dense forests, reduce wildfire risk, and remove beetle-killed trees on approximately 1,200 acres within the 'Inimim Forest.

· **Nevada County – Lower Steephollow Watershed Restoration Implementation Plan, \$74,928**

This grant to the Sierra Streams Institute will complete environmental compliance and fund the creation of a Healthy Forest, Watershed, and Fuel Reduction Implementation Plan to restore a wildlife-friendly and fire-resistant landscape, and reduce the threat of wildfire on 396 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, and two parcels of private land totaling 59 acres near where Lower Steephollow Creek flows into the Bear River.

· **Nevada County – Upper Deer Creek Healthy Forest and Fuel Reduction Implementation Plan, \$74,928**

This grant to the Sierra Streams Institute will fund the creation of a Healthy Forest, Watershed, and Fuel Reduction Implementation Plan to develop a fire-resistant landscape, and reduce threat of wildfire on 298 acres within the Upper Deer Creek watershed above Scotts Flat Reservoir.

· **Shasta County – Crossroads Project, \$74,793**

This grant to the Fall River Resource Conservation District will complete the pre-project due diligence work for forest restoration activities on a 2,825-acre portion of a larger 20,000 acre project area identified in the Upper Pit River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. When implemented, the restoration activities will reduce the potential for large, uncontrolled fires, and subsequent erosion in the Upper Pit River watershed.

· **Sierra County – Planning for Resilient Forests in Mining-Impacted Landscapes: Fuels Reduction and Erosion Prevention, \$74,483**

This grant to The Sierra Fund will leverage already planned management actions for the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) and develop strategies for integrating hydraulic mine remediation into holistic forest health restoration. This project will develop a fuels-reduction and erosion-prevention plan for the two sites – Grizzly Creek Diggins and Tippicanoe – which total 99 acres, as well as remediation design for the two hydraulic mines, ultimately protecting the Yuba River watershed and New Bullards Bar Reservoir.

· **Nevada and Sierra Counties – Yuba Headwaters Healthy Forest Project Phase I, \$65,000**

This grant to the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) will complete a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) for approximately 550 acres of NID land in and around English Meadow in the Upper Middle Yuba River watershed. The THP will focus on restoring a more diverse, uneven-aged forest and reducing wildfire risk immediately upstream from Jackson Meadows Reservoir, a keystone facility for the NID's water supply.

· **Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas Counties – Improving Landscape and Watershed Health through Restoring Fire Regimes in Lassen Volcanic National Park, \$74,966**

This grant to the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment will complete the cultural and biological surveys, and environmental compliance necessary to support 2,400 acres of future prescribed fire work in the Lassen National Park. The planned prescribed fire activities will reduce fuel loading and risk of large, damaging wildfires in the headwaters of the North Fork Feather River.

· **Nevada County – Western Nevada County Community Defense Project, \$500,000**

This grant to the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County will reduce fuel loads and the risk of large, damaging wildfires on 239 acres of Tahoe National Forest land in the Deer Creek watershed in Nevada County. The project site is just above the inlet to Scotts Flat Reservoir, which stores water for approximately 75,000 residents in Nevada City, Grass Valley, and surrounding areas.

· **Butte County – Butte Creek Forest Health Project, \$499,100**

This grant to the Butte County Fire Safe Council will complete fuel reduction and forest restoration treatments within three populated watersheds on three parcels: Paradise Irrigation District (30 acres), Paradise Unified School District (15 acres), and Paradise Pines Property Owners Association (386 acres). Project work will reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires within the Little and Middle Butte Creek watersheds, tributaries to the Sacramento River.

· **El Dorado County – Trestle Forest Health Project, \$487,715**

This grant to the National Wild Turkey Federation will treat 270 acres of overly dense forest and reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires. This work will protect drinking water infrastructure and the residents in the community of Grizzly Flats in El Dorado County.

· **Tehama County – Onion Ridge Fuel Reduction and Forest Health Improvement Project, \$250,006**

This grant to the Resources Conservation District of Tehama County will increase forest and

watershed health and resiliency over 533 acres through the creation of a strategically-designed fuel break along a 25-mile long road on the ridge between Mill Creek and Deer Creek, two anadromous fish-bearing streams in eastern Tehama County that drain to the greater Sacramento River Basin.

El Dorado County – Fire Adapted 50 – Sly Park Vegetation Management Project, \$500,000

This grant to the El Dorado County Resource Conservation District will fund 260 acres of forest restoration treatments within the larger Sly Park Vegetation Management Project landscape, an all-lands approach focused on creating a fire-resilient landscape on 3,724 acres of forested land surrounding Jenkinson Lake, a key water supply feature for El Dorado County.

In addition to meeting the requirements of Proposition 1, the projects awarded support the goals and objectives of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program, a large-scale restoration program designed to address ecosystem health in the Sierra Nevada. This program is being coordinated by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service, and seeks to increase the pace and scale of restoration across the Sierra by increasing funding, addressing policy barriers, and increasing infrastructure needed to support restoration.

To date, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has funded 47 Proposition 1 projects totaling \$12,846,168 that support the restoration goals of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program. Additional information about each of these projects can be found at www.sierranevada.ca.gov.

About the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. The SNC has awarded over \$65 million in grants for projects to protect and enhance the health of California's primary watersheds by improving forest health, remediating mercury contamination from abandoned mines, protecting critical natural resources, and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire. Funding for these projects came from Proposition 84 passed by voters in 2006 and Proposition 1 passed by voters in 2014.

The Sierra Nevada Region spans 25 million acres, encompasses all or part of 22 counties, and runs from the Oregon border on the north to Kern County on the south. The Region is the origin of more than 60 percent of California's developed water supply.

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Good morning,

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- **CDFA is now accepting applications for the 2017 Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Incentives Program and Demonstration Projects Second Solicitation.** The [HSP Incentives Program](#) provides financial incentives to California growers and ranchers to implement conservation management practices. [HSP Demonstration Projects](#) provide financial assistance for demonstrating implementation of conservation management practices to California growers and ranchers and creating a platform promoting widespread adoption of these management practices throughout the state. **Funding is being awarded on a first-come-first-served basis so please apply ASAP** if your RCD is engaged in healthy soils, carbon farming, or other related work. Final deadline is Friday, April 13.

Conservation News

- CDFW has released its [Draft Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs Proposal Solicitation Notice for Fiscal Year 2018-19](#) for public review and comment. CDFW will host a public meeting on March 14, 2018, to discuss the draft solicitation and gather public input and comments. The deadline to provide comments is March 30, 2018. Comments can be emailed to WatershedGrants@Wildlife.ca.gov.
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opportunity and consider sponsoring their attendance!

- **CalCAN is hiring a Campaign Organizer!** The ideal candidate will be committed to sustainable agriculture, with a demonstrated interest in using policy, organizing and campaigning to effect systems change. The position will be open until filled. The ideal start date for the successful candidate is May 1, 2018. [Click here for the complete job posting.](#)
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Thank you and Happy Friday!

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- Soil Health Workshop Invitation 4-6-2018.pdf (~375 KB)
- Required RCD Training.pdf (~120 KB)

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"RCD Board Leadership Boot Camp was a huge help and time very well spent. The program facilitation and content were excellent, and the opportunity to meet and learn from board members from throughout the state was inspiring and invaluable. Both opened my mind to what is possible." -Director from Loma Prieta RCD

"As a Board member it can be easy to get involved in the business at hand and forget about some of the basic (and advanced) practices that make Boards work. I really appreciated learning about some of the things that I can do to be a better Board member and to ensure that my District continues to have a strong board now and in the future." -Director from Sonoma RCD

Funding Opportunities

- The [2018 California Financing Coordinating Committee \(CFCC\)](#) is pleased to invite you to attend any of the **six FREE upcoming funding fairs**. CFCC Funding Fairs provide opportunities to obtain information about currently available infrastructure grant, loan and bond financing programs and options. Each attendee will receive copies of all slide presentations and additional useful infrastructure financing material. The Funding Fairs also provide an opportunity for attendees to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their community.
- **River Network and Groundwork USA are launching the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Peer Learning Cohort**, an initiative to support the pursuit of policies and practices that communities can use to effectively engage a broad range of stakeholders and secure safe, clean and affordable drinking water. If your RCD works in an urban community facing documented, suspected or anticipated drinking water quality, safety or security issues that disproportionately impact vulnerable residents, this funding could be a good fit. [You can learn more about this opportunity and submit an Application of Interest here](#). Full applications are due by Monday, March 26.

Conservation News

- **Glenn County RCD and partners are hosting a Soil Health Workshop on April 6th from 9-11am at Giesbrecht Family Farm in Princeton!** Please see the attached flyer for event and RSVP details.
- **CDFA will host a public listening session on March 19, 2018 to hear stakeholder input on the Alternative Manure Management Program.** The feedback received at this session will inform future solicitation requests and are part of the CDFA Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation's ongoing process of program improvement. The session will be from 1pm-3pm at UCCE Stanislaus County at 3800 Cornucopia Way (Modesto) in Room: HI.
- **A Call for Applications has been released to Serve on the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.** If you have subject matter expertise in any of the following areas, please consider applying: Water quality, pollution reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, improvement of public access to the bay, or financing of these objectives. To apply, please fill out the [application form](#) by March 30, 2018.
- **Chowchilla-Red Top RCD, Madera RCD are co-sponsoring a FREE ethics and harassment training for RCDs with support from the Golden State Risk Management Authority.** This training fulfills Tier 1 mandated ethics and harassment training for two years. The training will take place April 24, 2018 from 9am-3pm in Madera, CA. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

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Hi Folks,

There was an accidental omission from this Weekly Digest. We also wanted to extend our congratulations to San Mateo RCD for being one of the recipients of the Wildlife Conservation Board funding! Great work!

Happy Friday,

Sara

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From Brett <Bmills.SJBRCD@verizon.net>

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Date 2018-03-23 15:58



Thanks Jim, I will present this to the SJBRCD board at our next scheduled meeting! Are you interested by chance? 😊

Brett

On Mar 23, 2018, at 3:28 PM, James Earsom <james.earsom@gmail.com> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Karen Buhr <karen-buhr@carcd.org>
Subject: Regional Nominations for the Forestry Committee.
Date: March 23, 2018 at 8:00:38 AM PDT
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Greetings All,

I am forwarding a letter from Karen asking for a Regional Rep to the Forestry Committee. Please check with your boards and see if any one would be interested in representing our Region. CARCD would like the names by May 16 which is probably not enough time. If we have someone interested we could approve by email vote. What is interesting is that the representative can an associate director or staff. If you have someone, let me know and I will send them the application.

Judy this may be something we want to add to our Fall meeting Agenda.

Thanks,

Jim

<12dcs@sbcglobal.net>, Sheryl Landrum <sheryl.landrum@rcdsandiego.org>, Sophia Merk <samnplnews@yahoo.com>, Stephanie Moreno <smoreno@gcrd.org>, Tom Wehri <wehritom@gmail.com>

Hi Folks,

As per the last board meeting, please see the letter below and attached and please take this issue to the

regional meetings.

March 23, 2018

Dear Regional Chairs,

As you recall from our February 15, 2018, board meeting, the CARCD Board of Directors recommended the President sign the CARCD Forestry Committee Charter. It is now time to appoint members to this Committee. The purpose of this letter is twofold:

- To request that your Region nominate a representative to the Forestry Committee, and
- For you to outreach to your Region for interested nominees for the three at-large RCD member positions on the Committee.

Per our Bylaws and to the greatest extent possible, each of the three CARCD committees will include a representative from each Region and up to three RCD members-at-large. Your Regional representative or an RCD at-large member can be from staff, Associate Directors or RCD Board Directors and does not need to be from a Member District.

It is really important to have the specific needs of your region represented given the current legislative focus on fire prevention, recent fires throughout the state and the fires that we know are coming. Forest health is now more important than ever.

Committee member terms are for three years. Time commitment includes monthly hour-long conference calls held jointly with the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee (FSCC), an annual in-person meeting scheduled in conjunction with the CARCD annual conference and additional 2-3 in-person meetings if the member is also selected to serve on the FSCC. Unfortunately, at this time, CARCD funds are not available to pay for time or travel expenses.

This is an opportune time to nominate your Regional representative since many of you will be holding spring Regional meetings over the next several months.

Please submit your Regional nomination on the enclosed form to Emily Sutherland, Emily-Sutherland@carcd.org, by May 16, 2018, in order for the Board of Directors to review and recommend Regional representatives to the President at the next board meeting, May 23, 2018. Also, please inform those RCD members interested in applying for the at-large positions to complete and submit the enclosed form to Emily Sutherland by May 16, 2018.

Please contact Emily Sutherland at Emily-Sutherland@carcd.org or (916) 457-7934 if

you have any questions.

The CARCD Board of Directors looks forward to seeing your nominations!

Sincerely,

Karen Buhr, Executive Director

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Thanks,
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* ALAMEDA COUNTY RCD AND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP ARE HOSTING A WORKSHOP ON THE BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA TIGER SALAMANDER (CTS) [2] ON MAY 16-17. Join instructors and California tiger salamander specialists Peter Trenham, PhD and Christopher Searcy, PhD to learn about the biology, ecology, habitat and management of the CTS, and receive hands-on experience learning proper field surveying methods and techniques. Online registration is available here [3].

CONSERVATION NEWS

* NACD IS HOSTING A SOIL HEALTH WEBINAR ON APRIL 5 AT 11AM PST. Presented by Jim Johnson, Soils and Crops Consultant with Noble Research Institute, "Grazing Cover Crops" will discuss definitions of a cover crop, keys to using cover crops for grazing, how to create a cover crop mix for grazing, and more. The webinar will be streamed live via this link [4].

* COMMUNITY ALLIANCE WITH FAMILY FARMERS AND FARMERS GUILD HAVE PRODUCED A MANUAL CALLED _HEDGEROWS AND FARMSCAPING FOR CALIFORNIA AGRIUCULTURE: A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FARMERS_ [5]. CAFF has offered to mail hard copies of the manual to any RCDs that are interested. If you would like one or more copies, please e-mail Dave Runsten at dave@caff.org.

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