

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

2 RESOLUTION OF THE TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA

3 RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPPORTING AND

4 ADOPTING THE UPPER SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED

5 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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7 WHEREAS, the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District  
8 (TEAM RCD) is a resource conservation district created and authorized pursuant to Public Resources  
9 Code section 9001 et seq.; and

10 WHEREAS, the Rancho California Water District, County of Riverside and Riverside  
11 County Flood Control and Water Conservation District have partnered by signing a Memorandum of  
12 Understanding (MOU) forming a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG); and

13 WHEREAS, working with the stakeholders and partners of the Upper Santa Margarita  
14 Watershed (USMW), the RWMG has prepared an update to the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed  
15 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan); and

16 WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan in no way commits a participating agency to a financial  
17 or any other regulatory obligation and does not legally bind the agency to any future activities or specific  
18 projects; and

19 WHEREAS, the Plan represents all entities significant to water management planning in  
20 the region in addressing water resources as well as other interested stakeholders and has provided the  
21 framework and procedures used to govern, collaborate, and plan activities, as well as pursue funding  
22 opportunities within the Plan program; and

23 WHEREAS, the agencies, partners, and stakeholders are committed to integrated planning  
24 efforts in an open, accessible process and have acted in good faith in planning and implementing the Plan;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the Plan will help secure significant funding for resources in the Upper Santa  
27 Margarita Watershed through the California Department of Water Resources, The Safe Drinking Water,  
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1 Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition  
2 84) (Public Resources Code section 75001 et seq.), and other funding sources through the Plan process.


3 WHEREAS, TEAM RCD is an entity interested in water management planning for the  
4 region and wishes to participate in available programs involving grants and funding that could benefit the  
5 community and that could become available upon adoption of the Plan.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Temecula-  
7 Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District in regular session on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016,  
8 that:

9 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

10 2. TEAM RCD hereby adopts the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated  
11 Regional Water Management Plan.

12 ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource  
13 Conservation District this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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17 ROSE CORONA, Board President  
18 Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource  
19 Conservation District

20 ATTEST:

21 TEAM RCD SECRETARY

22 By: 

23 DAVE KUHLMAN

24 Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource  
25 Conservation District

26 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

27 By: 

28 MELISSA R. CUSHMAN

Deputy County Counsel/District Counsel

June 28, 2016

Ms. Rose Corona, President  
Temecula-Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District  
Post Office Box 2078  
Temecula, California 92593

Re: 2016-17 Property/Liability Coverage Documents

Dear Ms. Corona,

On behalf of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board of Directors and our entire risk management team, it is my pleasure to extend our sincere appreciation for your participation in our Property/Liability Program. The new program year begins July 1 and complete coverage documents will be available by August 1 in the SDRMA MemberPlus Online™ web-based portal.

The following coverage documents will be available July 1 in the portal:

**Property/Liability Program**

- Member's Certificate of Coverage (copy attached)
- California Vehicle Identification Cards (available in MemberPlus Online™ to print out and place in vehicles)

To access SDRMA MemberPlus Online™, visit [www.sdrma.org](http://www.sdrma.org) – on the Home page click on Member Login. The above listed items will be available in the left navigation window under Quick Links. Your current coverage documents will be archived as in past years and will also be available in the portal under Coverage Documents.

**Reminder**

SDRMA provides an Employer "Hotline" for questions related to Employment Law. Best Best & Krieger is providing this service to SDRMA members and is one of the most experienced and largest public agency law firms with eight offices in California. The "Hotline" provides upper level management access to complimentary Employment Law related legal services on behalf of your agency **after** initial screening and referral by Dennis Timoney, SDRMA Chief Risk Officer. The goal is to reduce the frequency and severity of employment related claims which will have a direct impact on our pool's claim liabilities and expenses.

If you have any questions please contact Ellen Doughty at 800.537.7790 or 916.231.4141 or [edoughty@sdrrma.org](mailto:edoughty@sdrrma.org).

Sincerely,  
Special District Risk Management Authority



Gregory S. Hall, ARM  
Chief Executive Officer



Issue Date  
07/01/2016

MEMBER'S CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

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This is to certify that coverages listed below have been issued to the Member named below for the period indicated. This certificate is not an insurance policy or an agreement of coverage and does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the agreements listed herein. Notwithstanding any requirement, term, or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the coverage described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions, and conditions of the specific coverage document.



This certificate of coverage evidences the limits of liability in effect at the inception of the agreements shown; limits shown may have been reduced by paid claims. This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder.

**Participating Member:**  
Temecula-Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource  
Conservation District  
Post Office Box 2078  
Temecula, CA 92593

**Member Number:**  
PLP-7146

**Entity Affording Coverage:**  
Special District Risk Management Authority  
1112 'I' Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, California 95814  
800.537.7790 www.sdrma.org

Type of Coverage	Policy Number	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Limits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>General Liability</b> Personal Injury and Property Damage	LCA-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Per Occurrence \$2,500,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Officials and Employees Errors &amp; Omissions</b>	LCA-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Per Occurrence \$2,500,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Elected Officials Personal Liability</b>	LCA-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Per Occurrence \$500,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Employment Practices Liability</b>	LCA-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Per Occurrence \$2,500,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Employee Benefits Liability</b>	LCA-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Per Occurrence \$2,500,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Employee and Public Officials Dishonesty</b>	EDC-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Per Occurrence \$1,000,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Auto Liability</b> Personal Injury and Property Damage	LCA-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Per Occurrence \$2,500,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Auto Physical Damage</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Uninsured / Underinsured Motorists</b>	UMI-SDRMA-201617	07/01/2016	07/01/2017	Each Accident \$1,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trailer</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Property</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Boiler and Machinery</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Workers' Compensation</b>				

Description: All listed coverage is in effect only for the time period specified.

Gregory S. Hall - Chief Executive Officer

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# Cardmember Agreement: Part 1 of 2

As of: 06/16/2016

**SimplyCash® Plus Card**  
**Issuer:** American Express Bank, FSB  
**Credit Limit:** \$25,000

**Company Name:** TEAM RCD  
**Cardmember Name:** ROSEMARIE CORONA  
**Account Ending In:** 41005

## Rates and Fees Table

Interest Rates	
<b>Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for Purchases Up to the Credit Limit</b>	<b>0.00%</b> introductory APR through your billing period that ends in March, 2017.  After that, your APR will be <b>17.49%</b> (Prime Rate + 13.99%). This APR will vary based on the Prime Rate.
<b>Penalty APR and When it Applies</b>	<b>29.49%</b> (Prime Rate + 25.99%)  This APR will vary based on the Prime Rate.  This APR will apply to all balances on your account if you: 1) make a payment that is returned 2) make 2 late payments in 12 months; or 3) do not make the Minimum Payment due by the closing date of the billing period in which it is due.  <b>How Long Will the Penalty APR Apply?</b> If the penalty APR is applied for any of these reasons, it will apply, subject to applicable law, for at least 12 billing periods in a row. In addition, the penalty APR will continue to apply until after you have made timely payments with no returned payments for 12 billing periods in a row.  The Penalty APR may apply to the Amount Above the Credit Limit. See <i>When we charge interest</i> in Part 2 of the Cardmember Agreement for information on <i>Interest Charged If You Do Not Pay Your Minimum Payment Due</i> .
<b>Paying Interest</b>	Your due date is at least 25 days after the close of each billing period. We will not charge you interest on purchases if you pay your entire balance by the due date each month. If you pay the Minimum Payment Due by the Closing Date of the billing period in which it is due each month, we will not charge interest on the Amount Above the Credit Limit. See <i>When we charge interest</i> in Part 2 of the Cardmember Agreement.
Fees	
<b>Annual Membership Fee</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Transaction Fees</b> • Foreign Transaction	<b>2.7%</b> of each transaction after conversion to US dollars.
<b>Penalty Fees</b> • Late Payment • Returned Payment • Overlimit	<b>Up to \$38.</b> <b>\$38</b> <b>None</b>

**How we calculate interest:** We use the Average Daily Balance method (including new transactions). See the *How we calculate interest* section in Part 2.

**Loss of Introductory APR:** If you make a late payment we will end any introductory APRs and apply the APR for purchases. But if a penalty APR applies to your account for any reason we will end any introductory APRs and a penalty APR will apply to your Account.

## How Rates and Fees Work

### Rates

Calculating APRs and DPRs	The Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for variable rates is determined by adding an amount ( <i>margin</i> ) to the Prime Rate (see <i>Determining the Prime Rate</i> in Part 2). The Daily Periodic Rate (DPR) is 1/365th of the APR, rounded to one ten-thousandth of a percentage point.			
	Rate Description	Prime + Margin	APR	DPR
	Introductory Purchase	n/a	0.00%	0.0000%
	Purchase	Prime + 13.99%	17.49%	0.0479%
	Penalty	Prime + 25.99%	29.49%	0.0808%
When the penalty APR will apply	The penalty APR applies to all balances on your account if <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• you do not pay at least the Minimum Payment Due by the Closing Date of the billing period in which it is due;</li><li>• you do not pay at least the Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date 2 times in 12 billing periods; or</li><li>• your payment is returned by your bank.</li></ul>			
How long the penalty APR will apply	The penalty APR will continue to apply until after you have made timely payments with no returned payments for 12 billing periods in a row.			

### Fees

We add fees to a purchase balance, unless we tell you otherwise.

<b>Annual Membership</b>	This fee is on the <i>Rates and Fees Table</i> on page 1 of Part 1.
<b>Late Payment</b>	Up to \$38. If we do not receive the Minimum Payment Due by its Payment Due Date, the fee is \$38. However, the late fee will not exceed the Minimum Payment Due. Paying late may also result in a penalty APR. See <i>When the penalty APR will apply</i> above.
<b>Returned Payment</b>	\$38 if your payment is returned unpaid the first time we present it to your bank. A returned payment may also result in a penalty APR. See <i>When the penalty APR will apply</i> above.
<b>Returned Check</b>	\$38 if you use your card to cash a check at one of our approved locations and the check is returned unpaid. We will also charge you the unpaid amount.
<b>Overlimit</b>	None
<b>Foreign Transaction</b>	2.7% of the converted U.S. dollar amount. This fee is a finance charge. See Part 2 for <i>Converting charges made in a foreign currency</i> .

**Part 1, Part 2 and any supplements or amendments make up your Cardmember Agreement.**

## Supplement to the Cardmember Agreement

### How Your Reward Program Works

#### SimplyCash® Plus

##### How you earn a rebate

You will receive a rebate for eligible purchases on your American Express SimplyCash® Plus Business Credit Card (*Card Account*). The rebate you receive is based on a percentage of the eligible purchases you make during each billing period and will be automatically credited to your account as a statement credit. The rebate will appear on the second billing statement after the billing statement with the eligible purchases. You will not receive the rebate if your Card account is cancelled or in default at the time of fulfillment.

##### Rebate Percentages

A *rebate year* is January 1st - December 31st. For each rebate year, you will receive a rebate of:

- 5% on your first \$50,000 (1% thereafter) of combined eligible purchases made on or at:
  - monthly wireless telephone services purchased directly from wireless telephone service providers in the U.S. (purchases of hardware and equipment, and purchases from third parties and resellers, are excluded)
  - office supply stores located in the U.S. (office supplies purchased at other retail stores are excluded);
- 3% on your first \$50,000 (1% thereafter) of eligible purchases made in the category that you select (see below for more on the available categories and how to make your selection);
- 1% on all other eligible purchases.

##### Eligible Purchases

*Eligible purchases* are purchases for goods and services minus returns and other credits. Eligible purchases do NOT include: fees or interest charges, balance transfers, purchases of traveler's checks, purchases or reloading of prepaid cards, or purchases of any cash equivalents. Additional terms and restrictions apply.

##### Available Categories

You may select your 3% rebate category from the following eight categories: (1) airfare purchased directly from airlines, (2) hotel stays (excluding timeshares, banquets and events), (3) purchases from select major car rental companies listed at [americanexpress.com/rewards-info](http://americanexpress.com/rewards-info), (4) purchases at U.S. gas stations, (5) purchases at U.S. restaurants, (6) U.S. purchases for shipping,

(7) U.S. purchases for advertising in select media, or (8) computer hardware, software, and cloud computing purchases in the U.S. made from select providers. (The current list of select computer hardware, software, and cloud computing providers is available at: [americanexpress.com/rewards-info](http://americanexpress.com/rewards-info).) For more details on these categories including important terms and limitations, please visit [americanexpress.com/rewards-info](http://americanexpress.com/rewards-info).

##### Category Selection

You may select your 3% rebate category from the list described above within the first two months of Card Membership. Thereafter, you can change your selection during the annual selection period, which runs from December 1st to January 31st each year. You can only change your category once annually. You can make your category selection by either calling the number on the back of your Card or going to [open.com/simplycashplus](http://open.com/simplycashplus). Once you make your selection, it will be applied starting on the day on which you make your selection. If you do not make a selection during the initial enrollment period, you will receive your 3% rebate on purchases at U.S. gas stations. If you do not change your election during the annual selection period, your category will remain the same as the previous year. Only the Basic Card Member or Authorized Account Manager with Full Access may make the selection and their selection will apply to purchases made by all Card Members on the account.

##### Category Disclosure:

Merchants are typically assigned codes and categorized based on what they primarily sell. A purchase will not receive a higher percentage rebate if the merchant's code is not eligible. Purchases made through a third-party payment account or on an online marketplace (with multiple retailers) will not receive a higher percentage rebate. A purchase may not receive a higher percentage rebate if the merchant submits the purchase using a mobile or wireless card reader or if you use a mobile or digital wallet.

##### How you will get your rebate

You will receive your rebate as a statement credit. The rebate will appear on the second billing statement after the billing statement on which the eligible purchases appear.

##### When you will forfeit your rebate

If the Minimum Payment Due is not paid by the Closing Date of the billing period in which it is due, you will forfeit the rebate received during that billing period.

You will forfeit your rebate if your Card Account is cancelled before we issue the credit.

## Detail of Changes to Your Cardmember Agreement

This notice amends the Cardmember Agreement (the "Agreement") as described below. We have the right to amend the Agreement. Any terms in the Agreement conflicting with this change are replaced fully and completely. Terms not changed by this notice remain in full force and effect. We encourage you to read this notice, share it with Additional Cardmembers on your account, and file it for future reference. If you have any questions about this change, please call the number on the back of your Card.

### Using the Card

Effective August 15, 2016, in Part 2 of the Cardmember Agreement, we are amending the *Using the card* sub-section of the *About using your card* section by deleting the second paragraph (including the bullet points) and the third paragraph in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

You may arrange for certain merchants and third parties to store your card number and expiration date, so that, for example:

- the merchant may charge your account at regular intervals; or
- you may make charges using that stored card information.

We may (but are not required to) tell these merchants and third parties if your expiration date or card number changes or if your account status is updated, including if your account is cancelled. You must notify the merchants and third parties directly if you want them to stop charging your Account.

### Converting charges made in a foreign currency

Effective August 15, 2016, in Part 2 of the Cardmember Agreement, we are amending the *Converting charges made in a foreign currency* sub-section in the *Other important information* section by deleting the text in its entirety and replacing it with:

If you make a charge in a foreign currency, AE Exposure Management Ltd. ("AEEML") will convert it into U.S. dollars on the date we or our agents process it, so that we bill you for the charge in U.S. dollars based upon this conversion. Unless a particular rate is required by law, AEEML will choose a conversion rate that is acceptable to us for that date. The rate AEEML uses is no more than the highest official rate published by a government agency or the highest interbank rate AEEML identifies from customary banking sources on the conversion date or the prior business day. This rate may differ from rates that are in effect on the date of your charge. We will bill charges converted by establishments (such as airlines) at the rates they use.

### Closing your Account

Effective September 1, 2016, in Part 2 of the Cardmember Agreement, we are amending the *Closing your Account* sub-section in the *Other important information* section by inserting a new paragraph at the end of the sub-section:

If an Annual Membership fee applies, we will refund this fee if you notify us that you are voluntarily closing your Account within 30 days of the Closing Date of the billing statement on which that fee appears. For cancellations after this 30 day period, the Annual Membership fee is non-refundable. If an Annual Membership fee applies to your Account, it is shown on page 1 and page 2 of Part 1 of the Cardmember Agreement.

If your billing address is in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the time you close your account, this policy will not apply to you.





In the event any coverage provided by AMEX Assurance Company insurance policies would be in violation of U.S. economic or trade sanctions, such coverage shall be null and void.

For residents of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the insurance products that come as a benefit of Card Membership are underwritten by Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited.

The following insurance products are not available to residents of American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau and the U.S. Minor Outlying Islands.

If we request you to send any item back to us, we will cover the cost of shipping. Please retain the shipping receipt.

In order to receive claim payment, we will check the status of your account on the date you submit the claim.

## Purchase Protection

Purchase Protection is underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company Administrative Office, MC:

080120, 20022 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85027.

Coverage is determined by the terms, conditions, and exclusions of Policy AX0951, Policy AX0952, Policy AX0956, or Policy CRCB000000105 and is subject to change with notice. This document is a summary and does not supplement or replace the Policy. To obtain a complete copy of Your terms and conditions, please call Us at the number on the back of Your American Express Card or visit Us at [www.americanexpress.com/PPterms](http://www.americanexpress.com/PPterms).

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for 90 days from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the price of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account.

Please note that capitalized terms contained in this summary are defined within the full Policy document.

**DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS** - We will pay You the expense charged to Your Account up to \$1,000 for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents during a calendar year. Purchase Protection provides benefits, for 90 days from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to property You purchased and charged to Your Account. Our benefit payment will not include shipping and handling expenses or installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the property.

Only a Cardmember has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

**EXCLUSIONS** - Benefits are not payable if the loss for which coverage is sought was directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, contributed to or caused by: 1. war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared; 2. any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations; 3. participation in a riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrection; 4. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction; 5. natural disasters, including, but not limited to, hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature, that occurs at the same time or in separate instances; 6. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Cardmember; 7. confiscation by

any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official; 8. negligent failure of a duty to care by any third party in whose possession the property purchased by a Cardmember has been temporarily placed; 9. not being reasonably safeguarded by You; 10. theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You; 11. damage through alteration (including, but not limited to, cutting, sawing and shaping); 12. normal wear and tear, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or normal course of play; 13. damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier; 14. food spoilage; 15. leaving property at an unoccupied construction site; 16. items stolen from motor vehicles; or 17. purchases lost or misplaced.

For residents of Washington, the first paragraph of this section is removed and replaced with the following: We will not pay for loss caused by any of the excluded events described below. Loss will be considered to have been caused by an excluded event if the occurrences of that event directly and solely results in loss, or initiates a sequence of events that result in loss, regardless of the nature of any intermediate or final event in that sequence.

**PURCHASES NOT COVERED** - The following purchases are not covered: 1. travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including, but not limited to, gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent; 2. animals or living plants; 3. rare stamps or coins; 4. consumable or perishable items with limited life spans (including, but not limited to, perfume, light bulbs, batteries); 5. antique or previously owned items; 6. motorized vehicles and watercraft, aircraft, and motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories; and 7. stolen or damaged property consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection. **Claims** - You may file a claim by providing Notice of Claim to Us within 30 days of the loss. You may contact Us by calling toll-free 1-800-322-1277 in the continental United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands, or if overseas by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection, PO Box 981553, El Paso, TX 79998-9920.

You may be required to send in the damaged property at Your expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged property within 30 days (for residents of North Dakota 60 days and for residents of Oregon 90 days) from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

**Excess Coverage** - If any loss under this Policy is insured under any other valid and collectible policy, then this Policy shall cover such loss, subject to its exclusions, conditions, provisions and other terms herein, only to the extent that the amount of such loss is in excess of the amount of such other insurance which is payable or paid.

**Termination or Cancellation** - Coverage will cease on the earliest of the following: 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands; 2. the date We determine that You or someone on Your behalf intentionally misrepresented or fraud occurred; 3. the date the Policy is cancelled; 4. the date You are

no longer a Cardmember; 5. the date Your Account ceases to remain Current and in Good Standing; or 6. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel the Policy at any time by sending a written notice at least 45 days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation.

## IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FOR YOU** - For those eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards® program, benefits are also paid when the purchased property is received through the redemption of a Membership Rewards redemption certificate. Payment or credit will not exceed the original assigned value of the property received through redemption of a Membership Rewards redemption certificate up to the stated limits, excluding shipping and handling expenses. Benefits will not be paid when a Membership Rewards redemption certificate has been transferred to a non-eligible Cardmember or non-Cardmembers.

**Form Numbers:** PP-DOC-OSBN1 02/07, TMPI-PP-09 (Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited).

**Forms in addition to those listed above are also applicable to residents in the following states:**

**Alaska:** Form Number PP/EW-RDR1-AK 06/07.

The following language is added to the Exclusion section: "These exclusions do not apply if the dominate cause of loss is a risk or peril that is not otherwise excluded."

**Arizona and Indiana:** Form Numbers PP-IND-CCSG1 07/07, PP-IND-CCSG2 07/07, PP-IND-OSBN1 07/07, PP-IND-OSBN2 07/07 and PP-IND-End2 09/08. Please refer to the full policy that will be sent to residents of Arizona and Indiana for additional policy language.

**Kentucky:** Form Number PP/EW-RDR1-KY 05/07. In the Termination or Cancellation section 45 days is removed and replaced with 75 days.

**New Hampshire:** Form Number PP/EW-RDR1-NH 01/08. In the Termination or Cancellation section the following is removed: the date We determine that You or someone on Your behalf intentionally misrepresented or fraud occurred; and is replaced with the following: discovery of fraud or material misrepresentation by the named insured in pursuing a claim under the Policy; In the Termination or Cancellation section the following is removed: The Company has the right to cancel the Policy at any time by sending a written notice at least 45 days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation, and is replaced with the following: The Company has the right to cancel the Policy by sending a written notice at least 60 days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation.

**Oklahoma:** Form Number PP/EW-RDR1-OK 07/07.

**Oregon:** Form Number PP-RDR1-OR 05/07. In the Exclusions section the following are removed: violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction; and fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Cardmember;

**Puerto Rico:** PP-DOC-OSBN1-PR. Please refer to the full policy that will be sent to residents of Puerto Rico for additional policy language.

**South Dakota:** Form Number PP/EW-RDR1-SD 05/07.

**Texas:** Form Numbers PP-IND-TX 07/07 PP-IND-End2 09/08 and IND-NO1 10/07. Please refer to the full policy that will be sent to residents of Texas for additional policy language.

## How Your American Express Account Works

### Introduction

#### About your Cardmember Agreement

This document together with Part 1 makes up the Cardmember Agreement (*Agreement*) for the Account identified on page 1 of Part 1. Any supplements or amendments are also part of the Agreement.

When you or an Additional Cardmember, as defined below, use the Account (or sign or keep a card), you agree to the terms of the Agreement.

#### Words we use in the Agreement

**We, us, and our** mean the issuer shown on page 1 of Part 1. Except as provided below. **Basic Cardmember** means the person who applied for this Account or to whom we address billing statements. **Company** means the business for which the Account is established. **You and your** mean the Basic Cardmember and the Company. You agree, jointly and severally, to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

**Card** means any card or other device that we issue to access the Account. A **charge** is any amount added to the Account, such as purchases, balance transfers, fees and interest charges. A **purchase** is a charge for goods or services. A **balance transfer** is a charge to pay an amount you owe on another credit card account.

To **pay by a certain date** means to send your payment so that we receive it and credit it to your Account by that date (see *About your payments* in Part 2).

#### Additional Cardmembers

At your request, we may issue cards to **Additional Cardmembers**. They do not have accounts with us but they can use your Account subject to the terms of this Agreement.

You are responsible for all use of the Account by Additional Cardmembers and anyone they allow to use the Account. You must pay for all charges they make. You must share this Agreement with all Additional Cardmembers.

You must tell Additional Cardmembers that:

- we may obtain, provide and use information about them.
- their use of the Account is subject to this Agreement.

You authorize us to give Additional Cardmembers information about the Account and to discuss it with them.

If you want to cancel an Additional Cardmember's right to use your Account (and cancel their card) you must tell us:

We may refer to **Additional Card(s)** and **Additional Cardmembers** as **Employee Card(s)** and **Employee Cardmember(s)**. All terms and conditions that apply to Additional Cards also apply to Employee Cards.

#### Replacement Basic Cardmember

You must tell us if the Basic Cardmember is no longer an employee or officer of the Company or does not want to be the Basic Cardmember. In that case, you must either close the Account, or propose another person to replace the Basic Cardmember.

If you propose another person to replace the Basic Cardmember, that person must agree to assume the

obligations and liabilities of the Basic Cardmember under this Agreement, as of the date that such person replaces the Basic Cardmember. That person is subject to our approval.

You agree that the Basic Cardmember remains the Basic Cardmember until we approve a replacement or the Account is closed.

### About using your card

#### Using the card

Cards may be used for purchases. At our discretion, we may permit you to make balance transfers. You cannot transfer balances from any other account issued by us and/or our affiliates. Each Cardmember acknowledges and agrees that cards are intended to be used for the Company's commercial or business purposes.

You may arrange for certain merchants to store your card number and expiration date, so that, for example:

- the merchant may charge your account at regular intervals; or
- you may make charges using that stored card information.

We may (but are not required to) tell these merchants if your expiration date or card number changes or if your account is cancelled. You must notify the merchants directly if you want them to stop charging your Account.

Keep the cards safe. Do not let anyone use them. If a card is lost or stolen or the Account is being used without permission, contact us right away. The Account may not be used for illegal activities.

#### Promise to pay

You promise to pay all charges, including:

- charges you make, even if you do not present your card or sign for the transaction,
- charges that other people make, whether or not you or an Additional Cardmember intend to let them use the Account, subject to applicable law, and if you let them use your Account, and
- charges that Additional Cardmembers make or permit others to make.





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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 29, 2016

**TO:** California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Voting Members

**FROM:** Bill Nelson, CSDA Board President  
Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed CSDA Bylaws Updates

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The CSDA Board of Directors has approved recommended updates to the CSDA Bylaws to bring forward to CSDA voting members for consideration.

Highlights to the recommended updates include:

- General clean-up to reflect updates and organizational changes over the last two years
- Clarifying language to the CSDA Board nomination and election process to allow for electronic voting
- Clarifying language for the inclusion of electronic communication related to the CSDA Bylaws amendments

The full proposed changes to CSDA's Bylaws are indicated in mark-up form for your review and can be found online at [www.csdanet.org/bylaws](http://www.csdanet.org/bylaws).

As a voting member in good standing, once your district has reviewed the proposed CSDA Bylaws updates, please use the enclosed official ballot to cast your vote by mail in favor or not in favor of the changes.

**Completed ballots must be received by Friday, June 24, 2016 at 5:00 PM to be counted.** Only official and fully completed ballots returned via regular mail to the CSDA office will be counted. The results of the Bylaws ballot will be announced in the CSDA e-News and on the CSDA website. If approved by the membership, the updated Bylaws will take effect on July 1, 2016.

If you have any questions or require printed copies, please contact Charlotte Lowe, Executive Assistant at [charlottel@csda.net](mailto:charlottel@csda.net) or (916) 442-7887.

**Thank you for your participation and continued support of CSDA!**



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## **CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

### **2016 BOARD ELECTIONS**

#### **MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION**

Dear Member:

A mail ballot has been enclosed for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in your Network for Seat B.

Each of CSDA's six (6) networks has three seats on the Board. Each of the candidates is either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your network. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) director to represent its network.

We have enclosed the candidate information for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your network in Seat B and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information. If any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

Please utilize the enclosed return envelope to return the completed ballot. Ballots must be received at the CSDA office at 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814 by **5:00pm on Friday, August 5, 2016.**

If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please mail in your ballot to:

**California Special Districts Association**

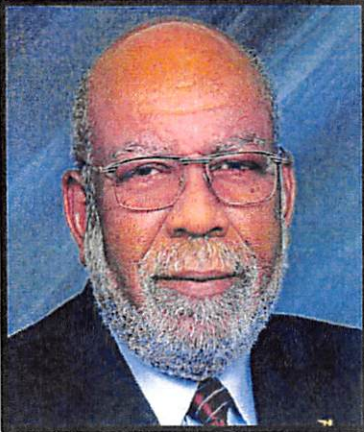
**Attn: 2016 Board Elections**

**1112 I Street, Suite 200**

**Sacramento, CA 95814**

Please contact Charlotte Lowe toll-free at 877.924.CSDA or [charlottel@csda.net](mailto:charlottel@csda.net) with any questions.

# Re-Elect CSDA President Bill Nelson To CSDA Board of Directors



## PROVEN EXPERIENCE LEADING SPECIAL DISTRICTS

I am committed to building on CSDA's present foundation of educational programs and legislative advocacy. My enthusiasm, commitment and comprehensive knowledge of special districts bring years of experience to the CSDA Board. It would be an honor to continue serving special districts in the Southern Network.

- ✓ EXPERIENCED LEADER
- ✓ COMMITTED TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
- ✓ FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE
- ✓ DEDICATED

### CSDA EXPERIENCE

- ❖ CSDA President 2016
- ❖ Served on the Board for five years
- ❖ Chair of Fiscal Committee 2014
- ❖ Membership Committee 2013-16

### DISTRICT EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Appointed to Board of Trustees Orange County Cemetery District in 2003
- ❖ Chair of the Board 2006, 2010 & 2014. Currently Vice Chair
- ❖ Chair of Finance Committee 2004 to present

### OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Board of Directors - California Association of Public Cemeteries 2008 to 2016
- ❖ Board of Directors - Institute for Local Government - 2016 to present
- ❖ Board of Directors - California Association of Realtors - 2004-2012
- ❖ Board of Trustees Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control - 2016 to present

### ❖ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT-

- ❖ Orange County Grand Jury 2002-2003
- ❖ Board of Directors - Orange County Grand Jurors Association 2005 to 2011
- ❖ City of Villa Park Investment Advisory Committee- 2008 to 2014 - Chair last two years
- ❖ Villa Park Community Services Foundation - Treasurer - 2010 to 2014
- ❖ Villa Park City Council Member - 2014 to present

### BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Financial Executive for 25 years with Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) & Southern Calif. Gas Co.

### EDUCATION

- ❖ MBA Finance University of Southern California
- ❖ BA Economics California State University Dominguez Hills



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## 2016 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Bill Nelson

District/Company: Orange County Cemetery District

Title: Trustee & Vice Chair of the Board

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Appointed

Length of Service with District: 13 Years

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

CSDA 2016 President. Chair of Fiscal Committee - 2014, Served on the Board for five years, Served on all of CSDA Committees, attended at least 10 CSDA Legislative Days and Annual Conferences, Received Special District Leadership Foundation Recognition in Special District Governance.

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

Board of Directors - California Association of Public Cemeteries 2008 to 2016

Board of Directors - Institute For Local Government - 2016 to present

Board of Directors - California Association of Realtors - 2004 to 2012

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

City Council Member - City of Villa Park - 2014 to present

Trustee - Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District - 2016 to present

4. List civic organization involvement:

Orange County Grand Jury 2002-2003

Board of Directors - Orange County Grand Jurors Association 2005-2011

City of Villa Park Investment Advisory Committee - 2008 to 2014 - Chair last two years

Villa Park Community Services Foundation - Treasurer - 2010 to 2014

**\*\*Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after June 2, 2016 will not be included with the ballot.**





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## 2016 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: John DeMonaco

District/Company: Chino Valley Independent Fire District

Title: Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 10 Years

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

I am on the Legislative and Fiscal Committees.

I have also served on the Education and Membership Committees.

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

I am on the Board of Directors for the Fire Districts Association of California.

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

N/A

4. List civic organization involvement:

I am a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Chino.

**\*\*Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after June 2, 2016 will not be included with the ballot.**

I am seeking election to a seat on the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association.

I have served on the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District for ten years, elected in 2006. I am very proud to state that the Fire District is the first fire district to receive the District of Distinction Accreditation from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). We have been a District of Distinction since 2008. We also hold a District of Transparency Certificate of Excellence. I have completed the SDLF Recognition of Special District Governance.

I serve on the CSDA Legislative and the Fiscal Committees. I have previously served on the CSDA Education and Membership committees.

I am a retired Fire Chief with 33 years of Fire Service experience. I have been involved in city, county, JPAs and special districts in various capacities. I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Fire Districts Association of California and also serve on the Conference Committee. I am a Past President of the Chino Rotary Club and the current Chairman of the Chino Rotary Foundation.

I understand, and I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. Special Districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. It is vital that we continue to work together to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.

My commitment and extensive experience, education in public service and as a special district board member & policy-maker, provides me with the ability to effectively serve as a CSDA Board Member representing all California Special Districts. I look forward to your support!

If you would like to speak with me, I can be reached at (909) 816-8396 or at [jdemonaco@chofire.org](mailto:jdemonaco@chofire.org)

John DeMonaco

## MY FELLOW CSDA MEMBER:

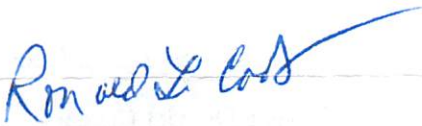
As Chairman of East Valley Water District I take great pride in the opportunity to serve my community. Prior to joining the Governing Board, I was an active public participant, and felt honored when elected in 2014. I firmly believe in the importance of transparent government and public service. With these foundational principles, I look forward to representing this region in a professional manner, as the Southern Network, Seat B, Board of Directors representative for CSDA.

I have had the opportunity to work with a number of organizations through CSDA and believe that we all benefit from interacting and sharing experiences. I am a proud lifetime member of the CSDA Leadership Foundation and have participated in a number of trainings opportunities.

At East Valley Water District, we have made a commitment to good governance and accountability. This is clearly demonstrated through the numerous awards we have received from the Government Finance Officers Association, CAPIO, CalPERS, and even CSDA. But I am proud to be a part of EVWD for more than the awards, they are an organization that delivers. As a performance based agency, we continue to achieve the impossible. Whether it is constructing a headquarters facility ahead of an already tight schedule, implementing budget based rates to provide customers with rate stability during the drought emergency, or developing a succession plan to prepare for the change in our workforce; we set our sights high to enhance the quality of life of this community.

As a CSDA Director, I will bring that passion for good governance and public service. Thank you for your consideration and for allowing me the opportunity to share my experience and perspective. I look forward to serving as a representative on the CSDA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Ronald Coats  
EVWD Chairman



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## 2016 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Ronald L. Coats

District/Company: East Valley Water District

Title: Chairman of the Board

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 2 Years

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

I am proud to be a lifetime member of the CSDA Leadership Foundation. Additionally, I have completed numerous CSDA webinars, including the CIDAC series on local agency finances and investments. Additionally, I have attended annual CSDA conferences.

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

I am currently affiliated with ACWA, WaterReuse, and AWWA. I have attended every ACWA conference since my election.

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

I am a member of the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts, serve on both the Citizen's Oversight Committee for the San Bernardino Community College District (3 years) and the Citizens Oversight Committee for the San Bernardino Unified School District (7 years).

4. List civic organization involvement:

Arrowhead United Way Planning and Allocations and Community Cabinet (15 years), as a member and ambassador of the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce (17 years), Toastmasters International (10 years), American Legion (34 years), and California Sheriff's Association (27 years).

**\*\*Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after June 2, 2016 will not be included with the ballot.





**June 22**  
WEBINAR: Understanding

Last week, CSDA sponsored legislation, [Assembly Bill 2613](#) (Achadjian), which would make it less costly for small special districts to comply with audit requirements, passed out of the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance with unanimous support. Meanwhile, [Senate Bill 885](#) (Wolk) will be heard in the Assembly Committee on Judiciary on June 28. [Read more...](#)



[the New Overtime and Minimum Wage Regulations](#)

**June 29**

[WEBINAR: LAFCo 101 for Special Districts](#)

**July 10-13**

[Special District Leadership Academy Conference](#)  
Napa

[View the complete professional development calendar here.](#)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### LAFCo 101 for Special Districts Webinar

*Wednesday, June 29, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.*

As a special district, are you represented on your county's LAFCo, and part of that decision-making process? Join us for this fun and informative session in which you will be given the keys to understanding and working with your LAFCo. We will discuss LAFCo authority, share insights on why decisions are made the way they are, and explore the changing landscape of LAFCOs and special districts. [Register now.](#)

## MEMBER SERVICES

### Thirteen New Members Welcomed

The CSDA Board of Directors approved 13 new members at their meeting last week - nine local agencies and four businesses that offer services and products to special districts.

Please join CSDA in welcoming the following:

Big Bear Fire Authority  
Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District  
[California School Boards Association](#)  
Citrus Heights Water District  
[Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC](#)  
Lassen Municipal Utility District  
Mokelumne Hill Fire Protection District  
Palmer Creek Community Service District  
Quartz Hill Water District  
San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District  
[Townsend Public Affairs](#)  
Truckee Donner Public Utilities District  
[Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman, LLP](#)

## DISTRICT PRESS

### Altadena Library Water Conservation Demonstration Garden

The Altadena Library District will celebrate the grand opening of its new Water Conservation Demonstration Garden on Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Altadena Library. [Read more...](#)

**New SDA through the Special District Leadership Foundation**



**Connect with CSDA on Facebook and Twitter!**

Are you connecting on

## EMPLOYMENT AND RFPs

*Listed below are the most recent employment positions posted to [www.csdanet.net](http://www.csdanet.net):*

**Administrative Officer -**  
Copperopolis Fire Protection District

**Integrated Vector Management Compliance Officer -** Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

**Engineer -** Ross Valley Sanitary District

**Fire Captain -** Cambria Community Services District

**Program Manager -** Florin Resource Conservation District

*To view all job opportunities, visit the [Career Center](#).*

**RFPs and RFQs**

RFP - Audit Services

Congratulations to Cynthia Allen with the Vandenberg Village Community Services District for receiving her Special District Administrator Certification through the Special District Leadership Foundation. Certification programs are a way for professionals within a field to affirm - to their customers, to their board of directors, and to themselves - that they are competent and experienced in their profession. For more information on SDLF, the SDA Certification Program, exam dates, and more, contact Charlotte Lowe, program assistant, at (916) 231-2939.



Facebook and Twitter? If so, connect with CSDA! Get important updates on Legislative issues, professional development offerings and member services by liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter! Find us @specialdistrict on Twitter and like the California Special Districts Association on Facebook.

RFP - Consulting Services

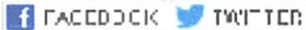
RFP - Notice Inviting Bids for Janitorial Supplies

***View and download open RFPs and RFQs at the RFP Clearinghouse***

*For information on posting an RFP or job listing, call 877.924.2732.*

**California Special Districts Association**

1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone - 877.924.2732 Fax - 916.442.7889



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June 10, 2016

This letter of instruction is to notify Union Banc Investment Services of the changes for brokerage account OBP-708488 in the name of Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District.

New Officers:

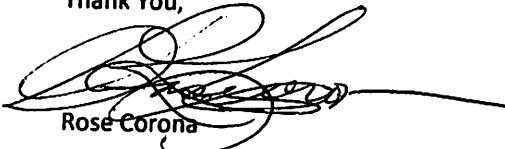
Rose Corona-President

David Kuhlman- Vice President

Carol Lee Brady-Secretary /Treasurer

Rose Corona and David Kuhlman remain on as signers. Danny Martin to come off and Carol Lee Brady added as a new signer. Please see the attached additional documentation.

Thank You,



Rose Corona



**RESOLUTION  
ASSOCIATION OR OTHER NON-CORPORATE ORGANIZATION**

P.O. Box 513100, Los Angeles, California 90051-1100  
(800) 634-1100

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rose Corona-President, David Kuhlman-Vice President, Carol Lee Brady-Secretary/Treasurer

(Name and Title of Officer)

is hereby authorized to sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds, or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of this

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

(Type of Organization)

I, Carol Lee Brady-Secretary/Treasurer

(Name and Title of Officer)

of Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

(Name of Organization)

hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the

(Name of Governing Body of the Organization)

of said Riverside County at a meeting duly held the 9th  
day of June, 2016, at which a quorum was present and voting and that the same has not  
been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect and does not conflict with the \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Document under which Organization is Operating)

of said Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

(Name of Organization)

(SEAL)

Date 6/13/16

(If no seal, certify that there is no seal)

Carol Lee Brady  
Secretary  
(Must be signed by Officer authorized to act)

Subscribed And Sworn To Before Me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public  
(Affix Seal)

Loose Certificate Attached

6/13/16

ACCOUNT NUMBER									

Account Carried with National Financial Services LLC

**CALIFORNIA JURAT**  
**(CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 8202)**

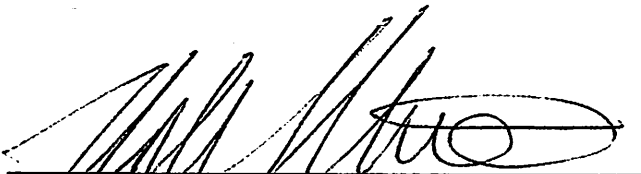
A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

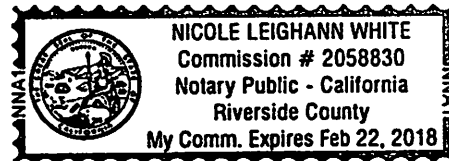
STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF Riverside )

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014

by Carol Lee Brady, proved to me on the basis of  
(Name of Signer(s))

satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

  
Signature of Notary Public



(Notary Seal)

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

**Description of Attached Document**

Title or Type of Document: resolution /  
union bank Document Date: 6/13/14

Number of Pages: 1 Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: —

Additional Information: —



June 10, 2016

Susan M. Domen, City Clerk  
City of Lake Elsinore  
130 S. Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

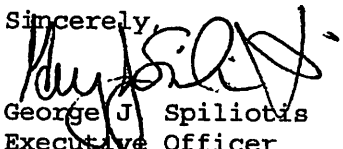
Re: Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition for Reorganization to Include  
Annexation 84 to the City of Lake Elsinore and Concurrent Detachment  
from the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District.

Dear Ms. Domen:

Please be advised that the enclosed Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition has been filed with this office. The petition proposes to annex approximately 162 acres to the City of Lake Elsinore, as specified by the proponent to comply with the City's approved Pre-Zoning, General Plan Amendment and Pre-Annexation approvals for the project. The project is generally located southeast of Highway 74, east and north of Greenwald Ave., west of the Canyon Lake city limits and south of Claire Rd.

This is being circulated to you for information purposes only. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
George J. Spiliotis  
Executive Officer

Attachments:

Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition  
Landowner Petition for Proceedings  
Map of potential proposal

CC: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Tina Grande, County Executive Office  
Suzanne Holland, Economic Development Agency  
City Clerk, City of Canyon Lake  
Bruce Vinci, RHW, LLC  
Beau D. Cooper, United Engineering Group  
District Clerk, County Waste Resources Management District  
District Clerk, County Regional Park & Open Space District  
District Clerk, Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District  
District Clerk, Elsinore Valley Cemetery District  
District Clerk, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
District Clerk, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
District Clerk, Northwest Mosquito & Vector Control District  
District Clerk, Western Municipal Water District

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

**Notice is hereby given of the intention to circulate a petition proposing to:**

*(Description of proposed change(s), e.g. Annexation to \_\_\_\_\_, detachment from \_\_\_\_\_)*

Annexation of 161.88 acres to the City of Lake Elsinore from the County of Riverside

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**The reasons for the proposal are:**

*(A written statement not to exceed 500 words in length setting forth the reasons for the proposal)*

Annexation is being requested to continue/comply with the City's approved Pre-Zoning, General Plan  
Amendment and Pre-Annexation approvals for the project, dated 5/11/2016.

(See attached resolutions)

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***The "Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition" must be filed with the Executive Officer of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission prior to circulating the petition.***

**Name and mailing address of proponent:**

RHW, LLC

c/o Bruce Vinci

2505 Anthem Village, Ste E-580

Henderson, NV 89052

SIGNED BY: 

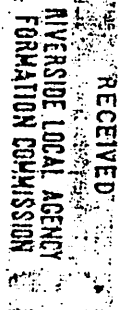
DATED: 5/11/16

**Required Attachments:**

**Sample Petition**

**Description of Boundaries and Map of proposal**

16 JUN - 7 AM 11:05



*Revised 05/2013*



PLEASE CONSULT LAFCO STAFF CONCERNING YOUR FINAL PETITION  
PRIOR TO CIRCULATION

**LANDOWNER PETITION FOR PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO  
THE CORTESE - KNOX - HERTZBERG  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2000**

The undersigned hereby petition(s) the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission for approval of a proposed change of organization or reorganization, and stipulate(s) as follows:

This proposal is made pursuant to Part 3, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 56650, Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000).

The specific change(s) of organization proposed (i.e., annexation, detachment, dissolution, etc.) is/are:  
Annexation to City of Lake Elsinore

The boundaries of the territory included in the proposal are described in Exhibit(s) A attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

The territory included in the proposal is: ☐ INHABITED ☒ UNINHABITED  
(12 or more registered voters) (Less than 12 registered voters)

This proposal ☒ is ☐ is not consistent with the sphere(s) of influence of the affected city(ies) and/or district(s).

The reason(s) for this proposal is/are:

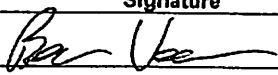
Continue process of project approvals in conformance with  
City approvals/resolutions dated 5/11/2016. (See attached)

This proposal is requested to be made subject to the following terms and conditions:  
NONE

The persons signing this petition have signed as OWNERS OF LAND.

Wherefore, petitioner(s) request(s) that proceedings be taken in accordance with the provisions of Section 56000, et seq., of the Government Code and herewith affix signature(s) as follows:

**THE CHIEF PETITIONERS OF THIS PROPOSAL ARE:**  
(Not to exceed three)

Printed Name	Signature	Mailing Address	Date
Bruce Vinci		2505 Anthem Village, Ste E-580 Henderson, NV 89052	5/11/16

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER  
OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.**

Each of us for himself or herself states: I have personally affixed my own signature and date of such signature to this petition. Further, I am an owner of land, or legal representative of the owner, within the affected area of this proposal at the time of signing and I have correctly printed the Assessor Parcel Number or other description sufficient to identify the location of the land owned by the signer. Post Office Box numbers or Route Numbers **CANNOT BE USED AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** I understand that this petition may not be circulated separately from a description of the area involved and a map showing the area involved. The specific proposal being requested must appear on the reverse side of this sheet.

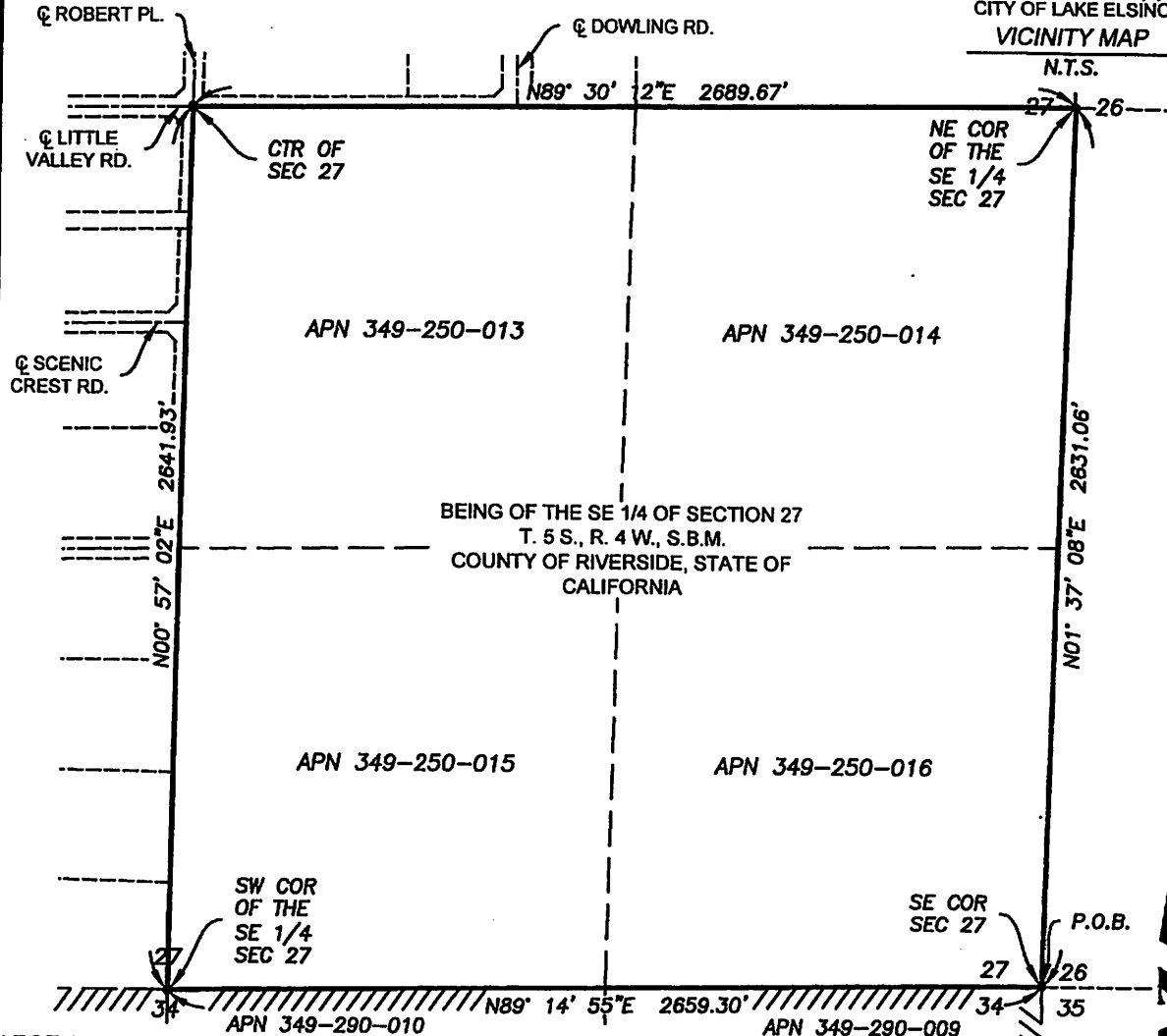
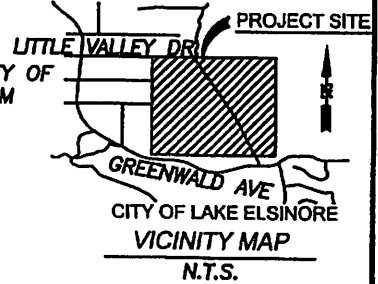
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# EXHIBIT A

REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE ANNEXATION 1 TO THE CITY OF  
LAKE ELSINORE AND CONCURRENT DETACHMENT FROM  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY

LAFCO 20XX-XX-X  
YEAR-APP # SUPERVISER DIST.



## LEGEND

ANNEXATION BOUNDARY  
EXISTING CITY BOUNDARY

AREA = 161.78 ACRES

500' 250' 0' 500'

GRAPHIC SCALE: 1"=500'



LAFCO ANNEXATION - THE SUMMIT  
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS: 349-250-013,  
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# City of Temecula

## Community Development

### Planning Division

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#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**PROJECT:** Altair Specific Plan (formerly "Village West")  
State Clearinghouse No. 2014111029

**APPLICANT:** Ambient Communities

**LOCATION:** South and west of the intersection of Ridge Park Drive and Vincent Moraga; west of Pujol Street and Murrieta Creek; north of Santa Margarita River within the City of Temecula, California

**DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project will require the approval of a Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment, Subdivision Maps, Development Agreement, and subsequent permits such as grading, infrastructure improvement permitting for on-site and off-site utilities, and resource agency permitting to allow for development of up to 1,750 residential units, limited neighborhood-serving commercial, civic/institutional uses, elementary school, parks, and open space within a 270-acre area in the southwesterly portion of the City of Temecula, west of Old Town. In addition, the proposed project would construct the Western Bypass that would link Temecula Parkway with Rancho California Road, including widening Vincent Moraga Road. The project site is located within the Murrieta Creek and Santa Rosa Plateau Subunits of the Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan Southwest Area Plan.

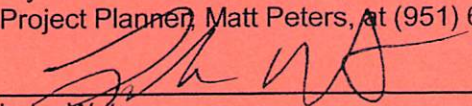
The City of Temecula has completed a Draft EIR for the project described above. This notice is made pursuant to Section 15087 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft EIR is available for public review on the City of Temecula's web site at [cityoftemecula.org](http://cityoftemecula.org); the Temecula Public Library located at 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula; Temecula Grace Mellman Community Library located at 41000 County Center Drive, Temecula; and at the City of Temecula Community Development Department located at 41000 Main Street, Temecula, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As required by Section 15105 of CEQA, the public review and comment period for this Draft EIR is **May 2, 2016 to June 17, 2016**. Written comments and responses to this notice should be submitted no later than June 17, 2016 and be addressed to the contact person listed below at the following address: City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590.

The public Notice of Availability of this Draft EIR is provided through:

☒ The Local Newspaper      ☒ Posting the Site      ☒ Notice to Adjacent Property Owners

If you need additional information or have any questions concerning this project, please contact the Project Planner, Matt Peters, at (951) 694-6400 or [matt.peters@cityoftemecula.org](mailto:matt.peters@cityoftemecula.org).

  
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Luke Watson  
Director of Community Development

4/26/2016  
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(Date)





## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**DATE:** July 1, 2016

**TO:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Persons  
(Distribution List available upon request)

**FROM:** City of Lake Elsinore  
Community Development Department – Planning Division  
130 South Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

The City of Lake Elsinore, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is issuing notification that it has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below and that the completed document is available for review:

**PROJECT TITLE:** Residential Design Review 2014-05, Lakepointe Apartments.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed Project is located within the City of Lake Elsinore which is located in southwestern Riverside County. The Project site is generally located northerly of Grand Avenue, southwesterly of Eisenhower Drive, adjacent to Lakeside High School. Refer to Figure 1, *Vicinity Map*. The site is contained within portions of Sections 11, 2, and 3, Township 6 South and Range 5 West of the USGS Topographic Map, 7.5 Minute Series, Alberhill, California Quadrangle and known as Assessor's Parcel Number 379-090-022.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A total of 150 units are proposed within ten individual buildings. The proposed Project will be a gated complex developed on 8.27 acres. Access to the proposed Project will be via the proposed street on the north side of the site, which will be a cul-de-sac. A secondary, gated emergency access will be provided on the west side of the site, exiting onto Riverside Drive. A drive lane is proposed in the middle of the proposed Project and the units will encircle the central parking areas. All structures will be internal to the proposed Project site. There will be ten residential buildings total. Buildings will range from 8,986 s.f. to 22,100 s.f..

On-site recreational amenities will be located in both the north and south portions of the proposed Project site. On the north part of the site adjacent to the main entry, there will be a 1,619 s.f. clubhouse that will house the leasing office, a conference room, multi-purpose room, kitchen, pool equipment, and utility area. The proposed pool area is west of the clubhouse and includes a bbq counter, cabanas, and a fireplace. A tot lot is provided on the south side of the site between buildings 6 and 7.

**POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** The Initial Study evaluated potentially significant impacts associated with the Proposed Project and concluded that the Proposed Project will have no potentially significant impacts upon Agricultural Resources, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gasses, Biological Resources, Land Use/Planning, Mineral

Resources, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Utilities/Service Systems, and as a result, no mitigation measures are required for these issue areas. The Initial Study also determined that the following issue areas have potentially significant environmental impacts that will be mitigated to below a level of significance: Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation/Traffic, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STATEMENT:** The Project area (City and its Sphere of Influence) includes sites that have been included on lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code. However, the Project site itself is not listed on any of these hazardous waste sites.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at the following locations:

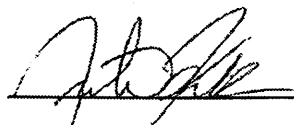
- **City of Lake Elsinore**, 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
- **Lake Elsinore Branch Library**, 600 W Graham Ave, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 30-day review period has been established for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration **beginning July 1, 2016 and ending on August 1, 2016** (two additional review days have been provided to account for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday). All comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted as soon as possible, but must be received **no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2016**. All comments must be submitted **in writing** to the address listed below:

Justin Kirk, Principal Planner  
Community Development Department – Planning Division  
City of Lake Elsinore  
130 South Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
E-mail: [jkirk@Lake-Elsinore.org](mailto:jkirk@Lake-Elsinore.org)  
Telephone: 951.674.3124 Ext. 284/Fax: 951.471.1419

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Written and oral comments regarding the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be submitted at public hearing(s) that will be held before the City of Lake Elsinore Planning Commission. Notification of the date, time, and place of future public hearings will be provided in compliance with City and CEQA requirements.

Date: 7-1-16



Signature:

Title: Justin Kirk, Principal Planner  
Telephone: 951.674.3124 Ext. 284  
E-mail Address: jkirk@Lake-Elsinore.org

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June 16, 2016

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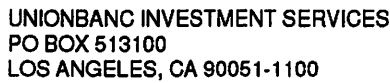
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Subject **2016-17 Coverage Documents, Lifelock Discount**

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

To <rose.corona@emarcd.org>

Reply-To <memberplus\_accounts@sdrma.org>

Date 2016-06-30 15:14



## RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

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#### **SDRMA Safety/Claims Education Day at CSDA Annual Conference**

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Kai Kight  
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visit [CSDA's website](#)**

### 2016-17 Coverage Documents Available July 1

The following 2016-17 Member Coverage Documents will be available July 1 through our MemberPlus Online website portal; Member's Certificate of Coverage, Vehicle ID Cards and Non-Member's Certificate of Coverage (if applicable). In addition, Non-Member's Certificates of Coverage were mailed to all certificate holders in early June. [Click here to login to MemberPlus Online.](#)



By August 1, all remaining Coverage Documents will be available online including any *Special Endorsements* your agency has requested. For more information, contact Ellen Doughty, SDRMA Chief Member Services Officer at 800.537.7790 or [edoughty@sdrma.org](mailto:edoughty@sdrma.org).

### SDRMA Partnership With LifeLock

SDRMA has recently partnered with Lifelock to provide access for identity theft protection!

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America! Every 2 seconds someone is a victim of identity theft and over 28 million US adults have been the victims of identity theft in the past 12 months. Lifelock identity theft protection uses innovative monitoring technology and alert tools to help proactively safeguard your credit and finances. Lifelock is the industry leader in identity theft protection and the only



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service that monitors credit, bank & file sharing, and protects you in ways mere credit monitoring simply alone cannot. LifeLock deters identity theft by setting and maintaining "fraud alerts" with four major credit bureaus.

The result is banks and other potential creditors of you must contact you to obtain approval before extending credit or otherwise opening new accounts in the your name.

In addition, LifeLock:

- Includes a \$1 million service guarantee
- Offers 3 layers of protection; Detect, Alert and Restore
- Reduces pre-approved credit card mailings
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- Provides free annual credit reports
- Protects children's identities

While other companies promise identity theft recovery or insurance services, Lifelock's strength is prevention. They prefer to stop identity theft from occurring in the first place. In fact, Lifelock is so confident their service works, it is backed with a \$1 million guarantee.

Click here to sign up today, enter the code SDRMA15 and receive a special SDRMA **10% discount and 30-day free trial** and begin to protect your good name!

For more information, visit our website at [www.sdrma.org](http://www.sdrma.org).

#### FREE Media Training Library

SDRMA's FREE video checkout library has over 200 DVD's containing versions in both English and Spanish along with speaker notes and outlines. In addition, there are over 200 VHS tapes available.

We have recently added new DVD's to the library including the following titles;

- Miracle on the Hudson - Prepare for Safety with Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger
- Back at Work - Back Safety
- Distracted Driving - Game Over
- Just Another Day
- Media Relations - What to do when the News is you
- Ergonomics - Solving the Puzzle
- Incident Investigation - Getting Started
- Leadership Best Practices
- Communicating with Poise and Power
- Embracing Change
- Conflict Management Skills for Women

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#### New Members

The SDRMA Board of Directors approved the following new members at their last board meeting;





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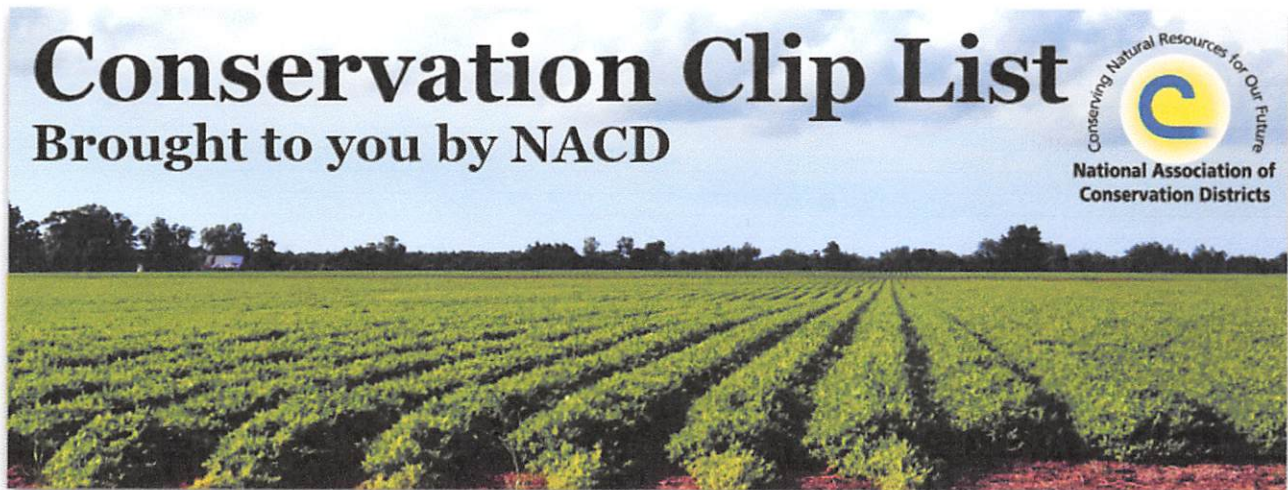
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[Grassley Asks Vilsack to Fix Crop Insurance, Cover Crops Glitches](#) via The Progressive Farmer

Farmers in Iowa have been running into difficulties with crop insurance potentially becoming void with the use of cover crops, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said during a press conference with agriculture journalists Tuesday. The concerns he has heard from producers in his state prompted Grassley to ask U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to make needed adjustments to the federal crop insurance program, he said, in order to ensure farmers can expand the use of cover crops without fears of losing insurance coverage.

[Marrone Bio, Israeli company working on "world's first" all-biologic, comprehensive seed treatment](#) via Sacramento Business Journal

Marrone Bio Innovations Inc., a Davis-based developer of biologically-based pesticides, is collaborating with Israel-based Groundwork BioAg Ltd. to develop what the two companies say will be the world's first "all-biologic, comprehensive seed treatment." The product that the two companies are working on would include all biological components to protect seeds against pests and diseases, and reduce the need for fertilizer.

[Farmer to challenge Clean Water Act tillage ruling](#) via Capital Press

A California farmer plans to challenge a recent court ruling that he violated the Clean Water Act by tilling through wetlands in his field. A federal judge has ruled John Duarte of Tehama County, Calif., should have obtained a Clean Water Act permit to run shanks through the wetlands at a depth of four to six inches, creating furrows prior to planting wheat in a 450-acre pasture.

[USDA, Interior Announce More Than \\$47 Million in Investments for Water Conservation, Energy Efficiency, Drought Response & Agriculture Operations Across the West](#) via USDA-NRCS

The U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and Interior today announced more than \$47 million in investments to help water districts and producers on private working lands better conserve water resources. The funds include \$15 million in USDA funds and \$32.6 million from the Bureau of Reclamation for local projects to improve water and energy efficiency and provide a strengthened federal response to ongoing and potential drought across 13 states in the West.

[Biochar found to improve soil quality](#) via Agri-Pulse

When biomass is heat-treated using a process called torrefaction, the result is a charcoal-rich substance called biochar. This "torrefied biomass" can improve the quality of poor soil found in arid regions, says a study conducted by researchers at Japan's RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science and recently published in the journal Scientific Reports.

[Flooding in West Virginia impacts state's agriculture](#) via CNBC

The deadly floods in West Virginia dealt a blow to the state's agribusiness industry, with losses likely to exceed \$10 million, officials said... Preliminary ag damage estimates are in the "tens and tens of millions (of dollars)," said Davidson. "We will keep our fingers crossed and see what happens."

[Wanting to kill wild pigs itself, Missouri bans public hog hunting](#) via The Kansas City Star

Wild pigs roaming Missouri have meant hog heaven for hunters and purgatory for state officials who wish to destroy the swine. You might think that the state would want as many people out hunting hogs as possible, but you'd be wrong. The Missouri Department of Conservation on Friday banned the hunting of feral hogs on the 1,000 or so conservation areas in the state.

[The Paradox of American Farmers and Climate Change](#) via Fortune

(Opinion) There's a strange paradox in the world of agriculture: farmers are perhaps the segment of the population most affected by climate change, and yet a significant number of them don't believe in it—especially the notion that it's man-made.

[Farm Bureau asks court to toss sage grouse land-use regs](#) via Agri-Pulse

The American Farm Bureau Federation and its Utah affiliate are asking a federal court in Utah to toss out a host of what they say are illegal land-use restrictions hampering ranchers in Western states.

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## The NACD eResource

Weekly News Briefs from NACD

### NACD, NRCS LEADERS TOGETHER IN THE WEST



NRCS Chief Jason Weller spent last Thursday with NACD President-Elect Brent Van Dyke in northern New Mexico touring one of the nation's oldest irrigation systems. With support provided by USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program, the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts and nine partner organizations have been working to significantly improve irrigation efficiency in the nearly 400-year old system.

Pictured from left to right is Xavier Montoya, NRCS state conservationist for New Mexico; Kenny Salazar, the chairman of East Rio Arriba SWCD; Jason Weller, chief of NRCS; and Brent Van Dyke, NACD's president-elect.

### MARYLAND'S THREE-TIME ENVIROTHON CHAMPS ADVANCE TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



Carroll County's Venturing Crew 202 won the Maryland Envirothon for the third year in a row on Thursday. The annual competition, in its 26th year, challenges students to identify and categorize living resources, perform soil surveys, and solve complex natural resource issues. Read more about Maryland's winning team [here](#) and visit Envirothon's website for

more information on the competition.

### 2016 NORTH AMERICAN ENVIROTHON COMPETITION JUST AROUND THE BEND

The United States' and Canada's future invasive species fighters will meet this July in Ontario to compete in the North American Envirothon competition. "As a former Envirothon participant and coordinator, I understand the importance of engaging high school youth," Tracey Cooke, executive director of the Invasive Species Center, said in a [recent article](#). "Our fight against invasive species will become more challenging in the future, and we need a future workforce who will develop the solutions to our environmental challenges. Envirothon is key to building these future leaders."

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Registration will still be available on-site in Minneapolis

Online registration for NACD's Conservation Leadership Forum and Tour in July is no longer available – but never fear! On-site registration in Minneapolis will be available from July 15th to 17th. For the agenda and more information on the meeting, [click here](#).

Call for breakout session proposals

NACD is searching for moderators and presenters for our 2017 Annual Meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado, from January 28th through February 2nd. Please contact NACD Director of Government Affairs Coleman Garrison at [coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org](mailto:coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org) for an application or with any questions.

Reminder: Briefing on wild horses and burro overpopulation tomorrow

NACD and the National Wild Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition will be holding a briefing for congressional staffers tomorrow (July 6) on wild horse and burro overpopulation in the West. The

## ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR: NACD U&C WEBINAR

Don't miss the July edition of NACD's Urban and Community Conservation webinar series on the 21st from 12:00pm to 1:00pm EDT. The "Addressing Urban Watersheds" webinar will give Ohio's Cuyahoga SWCD the floor to highlight two of their water conservation efforts.

Presenters will discuss satisfying MS4 requirements, funding water quality initiatives, and implementing large and small stream and wetland restoration projects. The community liaison for the San Juan Urban Long Term Research Area will give details on environmental restoration projects – initiatives designed to enhance community involvement and increase our understanding in areas such as trash and debris cleansing, soil restoration, native and endemic forestation, and forest monitoring.

To register for the webinar, email Debra Bogar at [deb-bogar@nacdn.net](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdn.net) with your name, title, district or business name, and state.



## SOIL HEALTH CHAMPIONS SPOTLIGHT

Carl Coleman has never wanted to be anything other than a farmer. Twenty years ago, Carl started using no-till on the farm he operates with his wife Renee and their two children Caleb and Heather in Dillon, South Carolina. Ever since he's been looking for ways to continue improving his farming operation with conservation practices.



In 2010, Carl planted his first 15 acres of cover crop; today, his goal is to plant covers on every acre he farms. While Carl has had to learn how to manage his land in a new way, he considers his move to cover crops the most important strategic decision of his farming career.

The picture above shows Carl, who was invited to speak at an International Year of Soils event this spring in Washington, D.C., with NACD CEO Jeremy Peters. Carl has served as board commissioner for the Dillon Soil and Water Conservation District since 2006, and on the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts' board. He was also recently elected to represent South Carolina as an NACD Board Member.

Be sure to check out Carl Coleman's profile – and the profiles of our other soil health champs – on the NACD [Soil Health Champions webpage](#). If you or someone you know is a leader in soil health and may be interested in becoming a member of the network, please contact NACD North Central Representative Beth Mason at [beth-mason@nacdn.net](mailto:beth-mason@nacdn.net).

briefing, co-hosted by Senator John McCain, will take place in SVC 209 of the Capitol Visitor Center. To access a PDF invite for the briefing, [click here](#).

### Don't forget! You'll need closed-toed shoes for July's tour

NACD's Conservation Leadership Forum and Tour is just around the corner – make sure you're not forgetting to pack accordingly! For the tour portion of the summer meeting, you'll need closed-toed shoes, bug spray, and any necessary medications. Restrooms will be available at each stop and water will be provided.

### Half-price NACD stewardship and education materials

Have you taken a look through the lengthy list of stewardship and education materials that NACD offers for sale and download? If you haven't, [click here](#), and remember as you browse that all of these materials are 50 percent off!

### NACD searching for Northeastern Representative

NACD is hiring a Northeast Representative and Policy Specialist to work out of our Washington, D.C., office. To view the job posting, [click here](#). The application deadline is July 15, 2016.

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[Chief Jason Weller: soil health effort is deep, impactful and taking root across the nation](#) via Agri-Pulse

(Opinion) A robust effort is needed to not just promote soil health, but provide extensive training for both conservationists and producers, ensure that NRCS has the capacity at the field level to support farmers and ranchers, and to expand our scientific understanding of the physical, chemical, and biological properties of healthy soils. I also know that rebuilding and regenerating our nation's soil is a huge endeavor, which will require the contributions, ingenuity, and hard work of experts and organization from across the nation.

[Wyoming and Oregon to Study Effects of Wild Horse Sterilization](#) via Wyoming Public Radio

At a House Energy and Natural Resources Committee meeting in Washington last week, Republican lawmakers criticized the Bureau of Land Management for its plans to research new sterilization methods for wild horses. Texas Congressman Louie Gohmert said there has been enough research and that it's time to start acting.

[Why the Monarch butterfly population has declined and what local biologist plan to do about it](#) via The San Bernadino Sun

The large orange and black Monarch butterfly population has dropped 90 percent in two decades, according to some scientists. Loss of habitat, climate change, weed killers and other causes that have yet to be identified are factors. "We as a species will be a huge failure if we let the Monarch (become extinct). This will be a wake-up call if we lose something of this beauty, that was once so common," said Tierra Curry, a biologist based in Portland.

[Deep South Moving Deeper into Drought Conditions](#) via USDA

Intensive heat is expected to continue in much of the Southeast, increasing droughtlike conditions in the region.

[Appellate Judge Says Groups Can Challenge Oregon Wolf De-listing](#) via KLCC

Conservation groups have gotten the go-ahead to challenge wolf de-listing in Oregon. A state court of appeals judge says the lawsuit can go forward despite recent legislation. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife removed gray wolves from the state's endangered species list last fall, despite protests from conservationists who say the predators have not fully recovered in Oregon. There are about 100 gray wolves known to live in the state.

[USDA Head Points to Progress, Urges More Conservation to Slow Pollution](#) via The Greenville Sun

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack championed the progress made by both regulators and farmers to curb agriculture-related water pollution but still called for increased conservation efforts from each of the 50 states.

[Conservation district fights farmland development](#) via Capital Press

A renewed move by Oregon's Clackamas County to designate more land for future industrial and commercial development prompted an unusual response from the county's Soil and Water Conservation District. Usually, the district's board isn't very political, General Manager Tom Salzer said. But the county's decision to review the status of 1,625 acres got the conservation district's attention. The county commissioners want to know if land in three areas south and southeast of the Portland urban center, now set aside as 50-year "rural reserves" and thus open to farming, would be more beneficial as "employment lands."

[Gov. Rick Scott asks Obama to declare state of emergency for thick algae blooms that threaten coasts](#) via Naples Daily News

Gov. Rick Scott asked President Barack Obama to declare a federal state of emergency Wednesday in response to thick algae blooms that have inundated parts of Florida's Atlantic coast and now threaten Southwest Florida communities along the Caloosahatchee River. If Obama approves Scott's request, it could free up federal cash and resources the state can use to help address a thick layer of algae that has coated coastal areas along Martin and St. Lucie counties on the East Coast.

Government has three years to rule on ESA protection for Monarch butterfly via Texas Farm Bureau

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreed Tuesday to make a decision by June 30, 2019 on whether or not to protect the Monarch butterfly under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). AgriPulse reports the settlement between the agency and the Center for Biological Diversity and the Center for Food Safety dictates the federal government must propose protection for the Monarch, deny protection or assign it to the "candidate" waiting list for protection by the end of June 2019.

Small farmers accused district of cheating them of water via Statesman Journal

Some northeast Oregon farmers filed a federal complaint alleging they were cheated out of water that was given to larger operations. The growers are seeking nearly \$3 million in damages and an injunction requiring the Echo-based Westland Irrigation District to properly deliver water.

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### UPDATE: FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTERIOR DEPT., FOREST SERVICE, EPA

With summer recess rapidly approaching, members of Congress are working diligently to advance several Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 appropriations bills during a tough political climate in Washington, D.C. This week, the House is scheduled to consider a spending bill that would fund the Interior Department, the USDA Forest Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The House moved a spending bill out of committee last month that would allocate \$244 million to the Forest Service's State and Private Forestry Program – \$7 million more than NACD's appropriations request – including \$933.4 million for the agency's wildfire suppression activities – a \$122.4 million increase above the FY 2016 level. The House bill also includes \$164.9 million for EPA's 319 Nonpoint Source Grant program, matching last year's funding levels as well as NACD's budget request. Click [here](#) to download NACD's budget request sent to House subcommittee members.

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### NACD welcomes a new Stewardship and Education Coordinator!

Diana Blackwood, a native of the Republic of Moldova, started her career as an intern with the USAID-funded Farmer-to-Farmer volunteer program after earning a B.S. in international economic relations from the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova. She has also worked as a program assistant and project coordinator for the nonprofit development organization CNFA: Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture.

Before moving to Washington, D.C., with her husband last year, Diana worked as a library liaison for the Global Libraries Program coordinating activities and providing support to local libraries and public officials. She is fluent in English, Romanian, Russian, and French and is passionate about conservation, environmental stewardship, and natural resources education. To



Once on the House floor, the amendment process could change these funding levels or, in the case of several amendments, improve or weaken the bill. For instance, NACD has endorsed an amendment offered by Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., that would revoke funding for implementation or enforcement of a draft EPA-USGS technical report entitled "Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration." NACD submitted comments on this technical report in mid-June – [accessible here](#) – expressing our concern that the report intends to expand the Clean Water Act beyond Congress' original intent.

Additionally, NACD opposed an amendment from Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colo., which would prevent the BLM from conducting any study on the surgical sterilization of wild horses and burros, effectively shutting down the BLM's Burns District sterilization study and further hampering the BLM's ability to successfully manage the wild horse and burro populations as stipulated under the Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971. Click [here](#) to view NACD's letter supporting the Burns study.

NACD will continue to monitor progress on this appropriations bill as well as other spending bills that affect local conservation districts. You can track our policy team's work by reading eResource and keeping tabs on [these amendments](#) that NACD is closely watching.

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## HARFORD CD TAKES NACD OUT TO THE BALLGAME



Last Tuesday, NACD CEO Jeremy Peters and Director of Development Melisa Augusto headed to Harford County, Maryland, to watch the Aberdeen Ironbirds take on the West Virginia Black Bears. As guests of the Harford Soil Conservation

District Board, Peters and Augusto enjoyed a doubleheader (the Ironbirds swept!) at Ripken Stadium, in addition to attending the Harford County Agriculture Night exposition, which

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### NASCA event for state conservation staff

As part of NASCA's 2016 Annual Meeting, the association will be holding an "Idea Sharing Session for State Conservation Staff" in Branson, Missouri, from September 26 to 28. The event will include state-led discussions on capacity and training, district operations and funding, and program delivery and partnering. Send an email to [rayledgerwood@msn.com](mailto:rayledgerwood@msn.com) with the names and contact information for those who wish to attend, and include presentation and/or discussion topics that you would like to explore.

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### NACD is looking to fill a key accounting position

NACD is accepting applications for its Washington, D.C.-based, Senior Staff Accountant and Grant Accountant position. He or she will be responsible for all accounting cycle tasks, in addition to pre- and post-award grant accounting. The ideal candidate would have experience working with smaller organizations, and at a minimum, have some grant, government

featured booths manned by local agricultural groups. In the photo at left, you'll recognize NACD President Lee McDaniel, a Maryland native and chairman of the Harford SCD, and Bill Tharpe, Harford SCD's district manager.

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## **SPECIAL NACD SOIL HEALTH SESSION THIS SATURDAY**

NACD is honored and pleased that Joe Magner, renowned research professor with the University of Minnesota, will be joining us for this summer's Conservation Leadership Forum and Tour. Dr. Magner will be making a special presentation to NACD's Soil Health Champions on Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on his latest tillage and cover crop research.

Dr. Magner, who also works closely with NACD Soil Health Champion Darwin Roberts, is a licensed professional hydrologist in Wisconsin, a licensed professional soil scientist in Minnesota, and an American Institute of Hydrology registered professional hydrogeologist.

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## **TUNE IN: EPA OFFERING WEBINARS ON BROWNFIELDS**

The EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization is offering the first in a series of webinars for communities interested in revitalizing brownfields on July 26 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm EDT. This webinar will detail the resources and tools that are available to communities for brownfield clean-up and will highlight one particular project in Dubuque, Iowa, where the community used its own resources to attract federal, state, public and private sources of funding and technical assistance. Registration and additional information are available [here](#).

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## **CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS TALK WILD HORSES, BURROS WITH NACD**

contracting, or other project accounting experience.

To view the job posting, [click here](#). Applications – including a resume, cover letter, and two writing samples – should be sent to [hr@nacdnet.org](mailto:hr@nacdnet.org) with “Senior Staff Accountant-Grant Accountant” in the subject line before July 22.

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### **Half-price NACD stewardship and education materials**

Have you taken a look through the lengthy list of stewardship and education materials that NACD offers for sale and download? If you haven't, [click here](#), and remember as you browse that all of these materials are 50 percent off!

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### **Summer meeting reminder**

It's never too late to register for NACD's Conservation Leadership Forum and Tour – we will be offering on-site registration! If you're already planning to join NACD for the summer meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 15-19, make sure to reserve your hotel room at the DoubleTree by Hilton – Bloomington.

For details on the meeting's agenda, [visit NACD's Summer Board Meeting webpage](#).

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### **Deadline extended: NACD Farm Bill Survey**

Every five years, Congress passes a farm bill that sets policy and funding levels for the conservation programs that are vital to the work of conservation districts. The current farm bill is expiring in 2018, but NACD is already working to make



Last week Wednesday, NACD and other members of the National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition held a briefing for a packed house of over 50 congressional staffers on BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program. NACD was represented at the briefing by Natural Resources Policy Specialist Chris Heck, who spoke on the impacts of wild horse and burro overpopulation on native wildlife, rangeland health, the federal budget, and the horses and burros themselves. For further information on the briefing [click here](#) to read NACD Policy Intern Emma Shumway's post on our blog.

## HOUSE OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING ON BLM 2.0

The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing last Thursday to elicit feedback from states on the BLM's proposed planning 2.0 rule. You can watch an archived video of the hearing [here](#).

NACD submitted comments during the BLM's Planning 2.0 Rule comment period that can be accessed [here](#). NACD remains concerned that the proposed planning rules would make changes to responsibilities and protest procedures that would ultimately reduce the requirements to ensure federal consistency with local policies and diminish BLM's ability to assess the local impacts of management decisions.

## NRCS, NFWF TEAM UP TO OFFER CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS

The Conservation Partners Program is a partnership led by NRCS and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that provides grants to raise technical assistance capacity for conservation program implementation.

CPP will award approximately \$2.7 million in NRCS funds, leveraged by an additional \$4 million in NFWF funding, to selected projects in 2016. Pre-

sure the next farm bill supports our district members.

That's why we're asking every one of the conservation districts we represent to fill out a survey on the farm bill. We ask that each district only complete one survey each, and that they do so with the input of their board members and staff. Survey responses are now due by Sunday, July 31.

[Click here](#) to fill out the survey and contact NACD Director of Government Affairs Coleman Garrison at [coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org](mailto:coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org) with any questions.

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proposals are due July 25 and full proposals are due September 19. For more information about this funding opportunity [click here](#).

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## **ONLY 11 DAYS TILL THE NORTH AMERICAN ENVIROTHON COMPETITION KICKS OFF!**

The international Envirothon competition starts in Ontario, Canada on July 24. [Click here](#) to view the competition agenda, which includes a schedule for teaching and testing days, oral presentations, and social events.

Smithfield Foods, the world's largest producer of pork products, will once again be sponsoring a total of \$30,000 in cash prizes that will be given to the top three winning teams. These awards will be presented to the students by a Smithfield Foods executive at the closing banquet.

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### ROUND-UP: CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP FORUM AND TOUR

NACD's summer meeting in Minneapolis wrapped up today after a fun-filled weekend of engaging panels and presentations, hands-on learning and networking opportunities, and a historic funding announcement.

NACD, in partnership with NRCS, awarded \$2 million in grants for technical assistance on urban ag conservation projects to 42 districts in 25 states. One of the awardees, Ramsey Conservation District – which covers the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area – will put its \$50,000 agriculture conservation grant to use providing technical support to community partners as they lease private or public lands to establish community gardens. The district also plans to help gardeners remediate contaminated land for gardening, conduct soils tests, assist with water hook-ups, and create a demonstration garden.



Pictured left to right is Ramsey CD staff member Elizabeth Opheim, Ashley Bennett, and District Manager Ann

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### NACD's Bill Berry to present at Soil and Water Conservation Society meeting

NACD's Communications Specialist Bill Berry will be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky, to present on verification protocol for resource stewardship at the Soil and Water Conservation Society's International Annual Conference next week, July 24-27. Bill will also address new conservation planning tools and lessons from the field in water quality trading in his presentation at the group's 71st annual conference.

To learn more, go to SWCS' [annual conference webpage](#).

### Add to your calendar: USGS webinar on drought

The U.S. Geologic Survey is hosting a webinar on tools for drought preparedness on Thursday, July 21 at 3:00pm EDT. This session will focus on a case study from the Wind River Reservation in west-central





WhiteEagle in front of Cargill's

Microbial and Plant Geonomics Building – one of the last stops on NACD's Conservation Leadership Tour held on Monday. To Ann's left is Ian Cunningham, president of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Districts (MASWCD); LeAnn Buck, executive director of MASWCD; and Lee McDaniel, president of NACD.

To view NACD's release on the urban conservation funding announcement, head to our Newsroom by [clicking here](#).

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## UPDATE: HOUSE SPENDING BILL AMENDMENTS

Several of the spending bill amendments NACD has been [tracking over the past week](#) have been approved by House lawmakers, including Coloradan Rep. Doug Lamborn's amendment to prohibit threatened or endangered listings for species that have not undergone a five-year review.

Another approved amendment, proposed by Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, would prohibit the EPA from penalizing states in the Chesapeake Bay region that fail to meet their mandated pollution-reduction targets. The House also passed Arizona Rep. Paul Gosar's amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to carry out the draft EPA-USGS Technical Report entitled "Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration."

Coloradan Rep. Jared Polis's [amendment](#) to prevent the use of federal funds for wild horse sterilization was withdrawn. To watch the House floor debate on the spending bill where NACD was mentioned, [click here](#).

## 2016 NORTH AMERICAN ENVIROTHON STARTS IN FIVE DAYS!

This year, Canadian and U.S. students competing in the North American Envirothon will face a Chinese

Wyoming, the home of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes. In an area prone to severe drought, the reservation has teamed up with scientists from the North Central Climate Science Center, the National Drought Mitigation Center, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center on a reservation-wide drought preparedness project that includes a technical assessment of drought risk, capacity building to train managers on drought and climate science and indicators, and drought planning.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.

### Deadline: Hotel reservations for Northeast Region Conference

Tomorrow – July 20th – is the deadline for Northeast Region Conference attendees to book hotel rooms at a discounted rate. The conference, which will take place from August 14 to 16 in Galloway, New Jersey, will be held at the Seaview Resort. To make a reservation, call 1-800-894-8698 and say you're with the Association of Conservation Districts group, or check out the [Northeast Region's conference webpage](#).

### Reminder: July Urban and Community Webinar

NACD's next Urban and Community Webinar will be held on July 21 from noon to 1:00pm EDT. This month's edition will highlight the work of Ohio's Cuyahoga SWCD to improve urban water quality through strategic management and restoration. Attendees will also hear from a representative of the San Juan Urban

team for the first time. In a release, Envirothon China said it was pleased to announce that a team from a high school affiliated with Shanxi Normal University had won its regional competition and would serve as China's representative at the North America Envirothon from July 24 to 29 in Ontario, Canada. The Chinese team members are Jinyang Wan, Xinhao Liu, Liming Xiao, Shuhao Liang, and Zisen Li, and hail from Xi'an, China, famous for its Terra Cotta Army.

To learn more about Envirothon, check out today's NACD press release on the 2016 North American Envirothon competition by [clicking here](#).

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## THE BARN INTERVIEWS NACD'S JEFF BURWELL

Brian Allmer of The Barn interviewed NACD's Western Issues Specialist Jeff Burwell last week about how NACD helps conservation districts prepare for and clean-up after wildfires. Jeff also told The Barn's listeners about NACD's Soil Health Champions Network and what it can do for ranchers and forestland owners, in addition to row crop farmers.



You can listen to the interview and learn more about Jeff by [clicking here](#). To contact Jeff, send an email to [jeff-burwell@nacdn.net](mailto:jeff-burwell@nacdn.net).

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Long Term Research Area in Puerto Rico.

U & C webinars are free and sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, but space is limited. Send an RSVP to NACD's Northern Plains Representative Debra Bogar at [deb-bogar@nacdn.net](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdn.net) with your name, title, district or business name and state.

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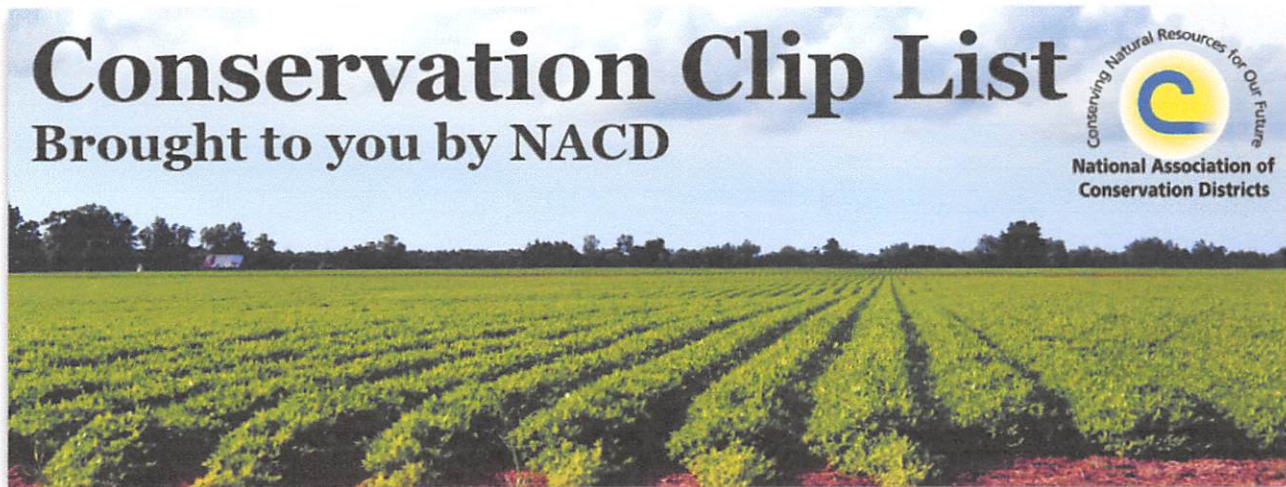




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**NACD, NRCS announce \$2 million for urban agriculture conservation** via Garden Center

The National Association of Conservation Districts, in partnership with USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, has awarded \$2 million in grants to 42 conservation districts in 25 states to boost technical assistance capacity for urban agriculture and conservation projects.

**Judge: Wisconsin must levy environmental protections on farm** via Associated Press

A Dane County judge has ruled the Department of Natural Resources can't retract a previous decision and must continue imposing environmental protections on a large dairy farm expansion.

**Farm Conservation Improves Water Quality In Upper Mississippi** via Wisconsin Public Radio

A new study shows agricultural conservation is making an impact on water quality in the upper Mississippi river basin. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Geological Survey came together to measure how farm conservation practices have affected nutrient levels in the upper Mississippi river. Using data from the early 2000s, researchers found that farmers were able to reduce nitrogen levels up to 34 percent and phosphorus levels up to 10 percent through practices like reduced till or nutrient management.

**Farmers urge Iowa legislators to consider more incentives for conservation** via The Gazette

Linn County farmer Jim Greif has taken cover crops to their logical conclusion. For the past five years, after harvesting corn and soybeans, Greif has planted cereal rye — a non-cash crop — to protect his soil from erosion, to improve its health and fertility and to prevent the loss of nutrients into surface water. This year Greif is engaged in an experiment to determine if he can achieve the same benefits while also harvesting two cash crops.

**Payment denied for crop loss from sewer discharge** via Argus Leader

The decision wasn't a surprise for Todd Magnuson, even though he didn't understand the reasoning. About 13 acres of Magnuson's farm ground south of Sioux Falls was flooded with Big Sioux River floodwater in 2010, shortly after Mayor Mike Huether decided to discharge 187,000 gallons of untreated sewage into the river upstream. The crops could not be spared.

**Iowa is losing millions of trees — and it's hurting water quality, experts say** via The Des Moines Register

Iowa's thirst for new farmland helped drive the loss of 97,000 acres of woodlands in just five years, a new federal report shows. It's the first time in nearly 40 years that the state has seen a net loss of forested land, a disturbing development that experts fear is contributing to Iowa's problems with farm runoff and poor water quality.

**GOP platform suggests splitting nutrition programs from farm bill** via Agri-Pulse

The Republican platform levels a broad attack on the Obama administration's regulatory agenda but offers a more mixed message on trade and seems to suggest dividing nutrition programs from the farm bill. The platform, approved on the opening day of the convention, contains far more extensive language on agriculture than the draft Democratic version.

**\$2.8M expansion starts at seven-acre urban farm in Rainier Beach** via Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce

The Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands is expanding so Seattle Tilth can grow more food and teach more people about urban agriculture and environmental stewardship. The \$2.8 million project at the organic farm at 5513 S. Cloverdale St. is expected to be complete in April 2017.

**New Schemes Pay You to Save Species—But Will They Work?** via Smithsonian.com

The greater sage-grouse is a bird in trouble. Once flourishing across the sagebrush and scrublands of the western United States and Canada, its numbers have plummeted by 98 percent in the past century. Despite that, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declined to list *Centrocercus urophasianus* under the Endangered Species Act in 2015. Ongoing agricultural and energy development in the West means that the bird will have few options to recover its once-plentiful numbers.

**Former Interior head enlisted for California giant tunnels** via Salon.com

California Gov. Jerry Brown has enlisted a Washington senior statesman to help his massive, \$15.7 billion water tunnel proposal clear regulatory and financial hurdles, officials said Thursday.

**Minnesota Farm Recognized for Outstanding Environmental Stewardship** via Minnesota Farm Guide

Stoney Creek Farm in Redwood Falls, Minn., has been selected as one of six regional honorees of the Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP). The award, announced during the 2016 Cattle Industry Summer Business Meeting July 14, 2016, recognizes outstanding stewardship and conservation efforts. This year's regional winners will compete for the national award, which will be announced during the Annual Cattle Industry Convention in February 2017.

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### RECAP: CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP FORUM AND TOUR

NACD's summer meeting in Minnesota last week hosted two panels of guest speakers, several expert presentations, and extensive networking opportunities for our members... And don't forget the all-day conservation tour!



The Forum's first panel featured agribusiness reps from CHS, Land O'Lakes, and the GNP Company, and dug deep into sustainable agricultural supply chains. Ian Cunningham, president of the Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts, moderated the discussion and teased out some really important information for districts interested in working with corporations to advance conservation.

The second panel was all about conservation planning and NRCS' Resource Stewardship Evaluation tool. For those of you that are interested

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#### New posts on NACD's blog

Have you been following [NACD's Blog](#)? We made a few new posts just in the last two days that we think might interest you!

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#### Add to your calendar: No-Till Farmer webinar

This Thursday, July 28, at 10:00am CDT, No-Till Farmer will be hosting a webinar called "Cover Cropping to Aid the Transition to No-Till and Lessons Learned Jumping in Feet First." You can [register for free here](#). Missouri farmer Johnny Hunter will share the lessons he's learned using cover crops with no-till on 5,400 acres of field corn, popcorn, soybeans, rice, and pumpkins.

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#### Something special for Minnesota's conservation districts



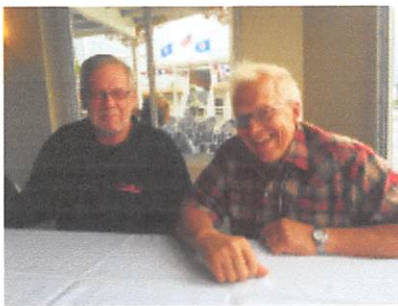
in learning more about this tool, reach out to your local conservation district or NACD. If you'd like the PowerPoint presentations referenced during this panel, or the other presentations (including that inspiring session on leadership), email NACD Communications and Operations Coordinator [Sara Kangas](#).

If you missed the tour, but would like to hear (and see!) the highlights, check out [NACD's Facebook](#) and [NACD's Blog](#) – and feel free to share!

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## NACD SOIL HEALTH NETWORK AND NSTA COLLABORATE

The Northern Seed Trade Association (NSTA) highlighted NACD's Soil Health Champions Network during their annual meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, last week. NACD's North Central Representative Beth Mason, along with NACD soil health champs Jack Herricks of Cashton, Wisconsin, and Mark Ditlevson of Owatonna, Minnesota, presented at the conference and offered practical perspectives on soil health.



Throughout the conference, Herricks (pictured on the left) and Ditlevson (on the right) were able to meet with attendees and tell their conservation stories. Both soil

health champs have learned a great deal about cover crops, no-till, and other conservation practices over the years, so they had plenty to share! They answered questions about seeding and seeds, application of fertilizer, cover crops, transitioning between crops, and how to build overall soil health.

As the Soil Health Champion Network continues to grow in membership, NACD continues to promote opportunities for Soil Health Champions to share their wealth of knowledge through outreach. For more information on this network and how to become a member, please contact [Beth Mason](#).

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The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD), the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) and the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) are inviting their stakeholders to attend eight regional buffer workshops across the state during August. The workshops, led by the partners, will give updates and overviews on the state's buffer law amendments, processes, timelines, the DNR buffer mapping project, and more. There is no charge to attend a workshop, but an RSVP is required. Please [contact MASWCD](#) for more information and a link to register.

### Help lead the discussion on agriculture and climate change

Last week, National Farmers Union launched NFU Climate Leaders, a program looking to start a discussion within the agricultural community on the negative effects of climate change and how farmers can work to mitigate these effects. Check out the [Climate Leaders Facebook group](#) and [sign up for their newsletter](#) to read personal testimonials, blog posts, articles, and other resources.

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## NACD Events Calendar

For additional details regarding meetings listed below, [click here](#).

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: NACD U&C WEBINARS

The deadline for submitting presentation proposals for next year's NACD Urban and Community webinar series – July 30 – is fast approaching. These popular webinars, sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, have covered a variety of urban and community conservation topics over the past four years.

You can view a full list of archived webinars [here](#). Past webinars have been led by conservation districts, as well as other entities, and have served as opportunities to share information about conservation projects and programs. They are held on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00pm to 1:00pm EDT.

If you would like to give a presentation, send a brief paragraph describing the program/project you'd like to showcase to NACD Northern Plains

Representative [Deb Boqar](#). You're also welcome to send suggestions for future webinars to Deb, too, by July 30.

- NACD Annual Meeting -  
January 28 - February 2, 2017
  - Southeast Regional Meeting -  
July 31 - August 2, 2016
  - South Central Regional Meeting  
- August 10 - 12, 2016
  - Northeast Regional Meeting -  
August 14 - 17, 2016
  - Southwest & Pacific Regional  
Meeting - Sept. 14 - 16, 2016
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## MINNESOTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROVIDES FREE WATER TESTING

The Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), along with the cities of St. Martin and Kimball, and Minnesota's Agriculture and Health Departments, are hosting two nitrate water-testing clinics on Tuesday, August 2 and Thursday, August 4, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm CDT. Tuesday's clinic will be hosted by the City of St. Martin at the St. Martin City Hall and Thursday's will be hosted by Kimball at the Kimball City Hall.

To participate in the free testing clinics, bring your water sample to one of the clinics or drop off a sample at the Stearns County SWCD Office. For more information on proper sample collection or managing nitrate sources, contact the Stearns County SWCD at (320) 251-7800 ext 3 or [visit their website](#).

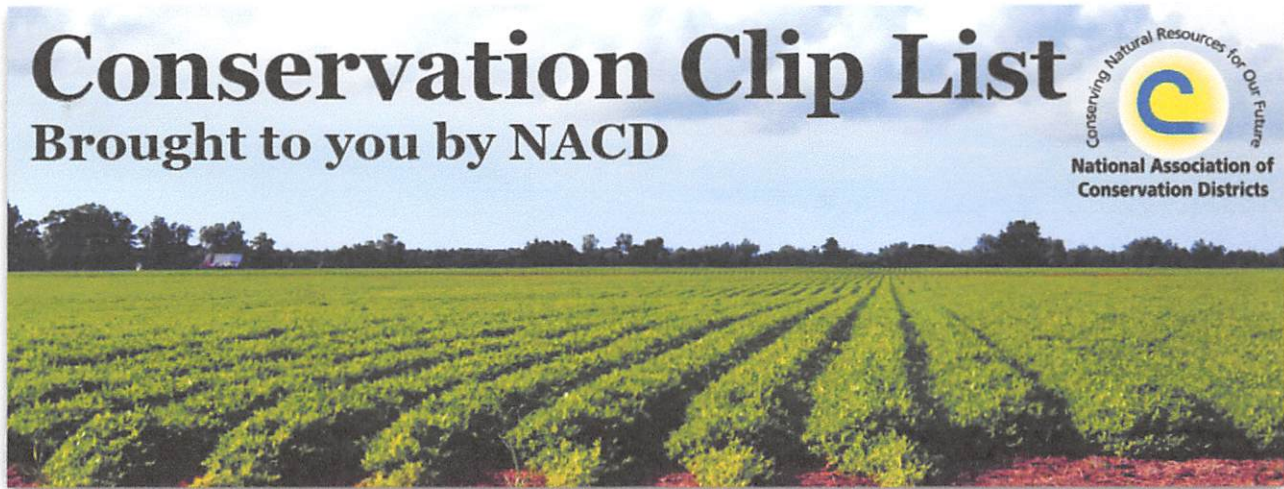
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**Envirothon draws hundreds of students from 52 states, provinces, plus China, to Peterborough** via The Peterborough Examiner

High school students from across North America and China competed Tuesday in the 2016 North American Envirothon at Selwyn Conservation Area. It's a five-day environmental educational competition, based at Trent University, for teams that have won their state or provincial event. More than 250 students from 52 states and provinces and China took part. They put their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management to the test at the conservation area, working in five areas: soil, aquatic ecology, wildlife, forestry and invasive species.

**Farmers Face New Realities in Stormwater Management** via Lancaster Farming

For farmers, the save-the-bay drumbeat since the 1980s has been all about keeping sediment and manure runoff out of the Susquehanna River and its tributaries. Local conservation districts and private consultants have kept busy for decades developing farm conservation and nutrient management plans designed to clean up the waters flowing into the Chesapeake Bay.

**New program links specialists, farmers** via AgriNews

Farmers on the fence about what conservation practices are best for their farm now have new resources available to guide them. The Precision Conservation Management program was fittingly rolled out at the annual Indian Creek Watershed Project/Soil Health Partnership field day and now is open to enrollment.

**Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announces 2016 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge**

**Grants** via High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the Forest Service's 2016 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge grant recipients last week. USDA will provide \$900,000 in funding to four recipients who have demonstrated how healthy urban forests can increase public health benefits, improve development and redevelopment efforts, and contribute to urban food production.

**Riverhead issues water conservation plea, shuts down largest irrigation users** via Riverhead Local

Riverhead Town officials are putting out an urgent plea to Riverhead Water District customers to conserve water. The water district is pumping at capacity and is having a hard time filling up the district's storage tanks.

**(Video) New NSB Video Shows Farmer's Commitment to Water Conservation** via KTIC Radio

Recent hot, dry weather has many Nebraska soybean farmers using irrigation to keep their crops on track during a critical stage of development for soybean plants. But it's not as simple as turning on a faucet. A new video produced by the Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB) explains how one Nebraska farm family uses technology to conserve water, a priority for farmers throughout the state.

**100% of vulnerable Tricolored Blackbird colonies on farmland saved** via YubaNet

A historic 100 percent of rare Tricolored Blackbird colonies on agricultural fields in California's Central Valley were protected during the 2016 harvest season thanks to a RCPP project that helped seven farmers delay the silage harvest.

**Watershed Counts Releases Annual Report on Health of Narragansett Bay** via Rhode Island Public Radio

A recent report highlights the influence headwater streams, which stretch as far north as Worcester, Massachusetts, have on the health of Narragansett Bay.

**From Kellogg's to Unilever, a quiet revolution in sustainable farming** via Green Biz

For a huge swath of the Midwest, from Nebraska to Ohio, generation after generation of farmers have provided the row crops that are staples of the American diet. And yet a quiet revolution is happening here - sustainable farming has taken root.

**State of emergency declared for Southern California wildfires** via Fox News

The fire in rugged wilderness between the northern edge of Los Angeles and the suburban city of Santa Clarita has burned 58 1/2 square miles and at its peak forced about 20,000 people to evacuate their homes, though most have now returned.

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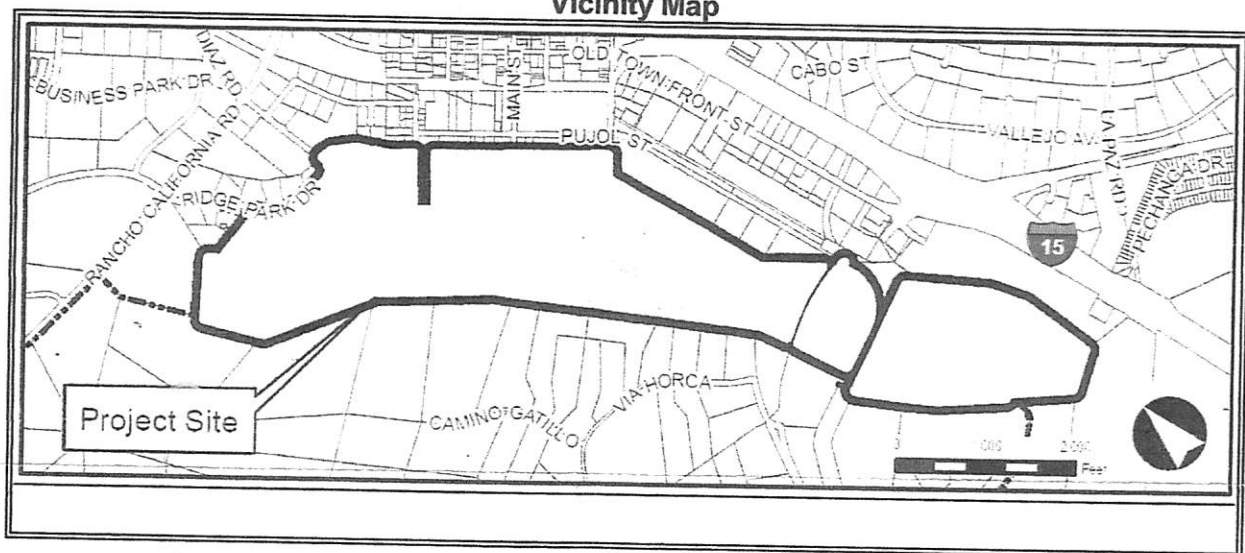
# Notice Announcing a City Council Workshop

**A CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP** has been scheduled for July 28, 2016 to provide information to the City Council regarding the proposed Altair Specific Plan and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Case No: Planning Application No. PA14-0159 (Altair Specific Plan)  
Applicant: Rob Honer, Ambient Communities  
Location: South of Ridge Park Drive and westerly of Pujol Street.  
Proposal: A workshop to provide project information to the City Council, and to obtain input. The proposed Specific Plan by Ambient Communities, referred to as "Altair," includes 270 acres in the southwesterly portion of the City of Temecula west of Old Town. The proposed plan will include the four-lane divided Western Bypass, approximately 1,750 residential units, an elementary school, civic site, a small amount of neighborhood commercial, a clubhouse, parks, trails, and hillside preservation.

Environmental Action: In addition to the Specific Plan, this project will include a General Plan Amendment  
Case Planner: Subdivision Map, Development Agreement, and City-managed EIR.  
Case Engineer: Environmental Impact Report  
Matt Peters  
Roger Bhatia

**Vicinity Map**



**PLACE OF WORKSHOP:** Temecula Conference Center  
41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590  
**DATE OF WORKSHOP:** July 28, 2016  
**TIME OF WORKSHOP:** 9:00 AM

All interested parties are invited to attend this workshop. However, the workshop is for informational purposes only. Public comments will be taken, but the City Council will not make any decisions at this workshop. The proposed project application and associated materials may be viewed at the public information counter, Temecula Planning Division 41000 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the project may be addressed to the case planner, Matt Peters, at the City of Temecula Planning Division, (951) 694-6400.



## **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**City of Lake Elsinore**

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE ON TUESDAY, THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE ITEM MAY BE HEARD AT THE CULTURAL CENTER LOCATED AT 183 N MAIN STREET, LAKE ELSINORE TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:**

**Residential Design Review (RDR 2014-05):** A proposed 150-unit multi-family Project totaling 162,283 square feet located in ten (10) buildings, associated recreational amenities – tot lot, swimming pool, and clubhouse on an approximate, and related improvements on an approximately 8.27-acre site. The proposed project is generally located northerly of Grand Avenue, southwesterly of Eisenhower Drive, adjacent to Lakeside High School, and more specifically referred to as Assessor's Parcel Number 379-090-022.

**Environmental Determination:** A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been prepared for the project. The public comment period for the MND began on July 1, 2016, and ends on August 1, 2016, at 4 p.m. The Document is available for review at the Community Development Department or online at: [www.lake-elsinore.org](http://www.lake-elsinore.org).

You are invited to attend the public hearing to find out more about the project. Comments which you want to become part of the public record must be presented verbally at the hearing or in writing, by e-mail to the project manager or by letter. If you challenge action on this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to the hearing. Should you have special needs to be accommodated in order to provide testimony at the hearing, please call the Administrative Secretary at (951) 674-3124 EXT. 297. If you can't attend the hearing and have questions about the project, please contact the project manager, Justin Kirk, Principal Planner at (951) 674-3124 EXT 284; or by e-mail at [jkirk@lake-elsinore.org](mailto:jkirk@lake-elsinore.org).

Justin Kirk, Principal Planner

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (CORRECTED)**

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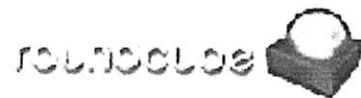
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Justin Kirk, Principal Planner

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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- CARCD Opportunity Sheet - As of August 2016.pdf (~136 KB)
- RCD County Funding Request\_SOW\_8 26 14.pdf (~92 KB)
- RCD MOU 2014.pdf (~2.1 MB)
- RCD\_CountyFundingRequest\_2016 2017.pdf (~487 KB)

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From: **James Earsom** <james.earsom@gmail.com>  
Date: Monday, August 1, 2016  
Subject: So Cal Region Update August 2016  
To: James Earsom <james.earsom@gmail.com>

Good Morning,

Please note the latest updates from CARCD.

Sonoma County has sent examples of how they secure funding and the report format they send the Board of Supervisors.

Jim

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Be Well,

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## **Resource Conservation District's County Investment Request**

### **Progress of Current MOU Deliverables / Leveraging the County's Investment**

In the last eighteen months, the RCDs have met and exceeded nearly all deliverables set out in the 2014-2016 County MOU including:

1. Exceeded the target of conservation technical assistance to 72 landowners on 15,000 acres by providing assistance on over 28,000 acres and to 190 agricultural and rural landowners.
2. Exceeded the target of 1,000,000 gallons of water saved/stored with 2.7 million gallons.
3. Exceeded the targets of 1 mile of instream habitat improved with 1.7 miles.
4. Exceeded the target of four County coordination meetings with 58 meetings convened or attended with county organizations.
5. Exceeded the target of 700 youth reach with 1,849 youth engaged through various educational opportunities.
6. Exceeded the target of submitting eight grant proposals by submitting 36 competitive state and federal grants totaling \$21,205,560.
7. The RCD's task to complete a financial sustainability plan is currently in process.

### **Sonoma County's Return on Investment**

2014/2015: 14:1, \$2,946,696 in received competitive grant funds

2015/2016: 14.6:1, \$4,100,705 in received competitive grant funds

Total Match funding from other state and federal sources for County MOU deliverables:  
FY 14/15 \$1,825,562

### **RCDs' Activities Supporting County's Strategic Plan Goals and Outcomes**

1. Community is proactive in mitigating & adapting to the causes & impacts of climate change to safeguard the environment, human health & the economy
2. Protect, maintain & manage parks, public lands & open space systems that promote recreation, health, agricultural viability & protects watersheds, promotes biodiversity & contributes to the economic vitality
3. Agricultural resources are preserved, valued for food & for maintaining links to our County's heritage
4. Community members have access to clean air, water, & safe, reliable solid & liquid waste management systems
5. Community understands & supports the services provided by the County
6. Increased or enhanced community-based partnerships

**Request for Continued Investment:** The RCDs will continue to be a great return on investment for the County of Sonoma.

**Investment request per fiscal year: \$280,000**





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## Resource Conservation Districts County Funding Request

### *Introduction*

The below Scope of Work has been developed to track the County's investment in the Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) and show how this funding support will continue to be leveraged. If the County invests \$490,000 in the next two years, the RCDs will return 6.5 million dollars in State and Federal funding that is put in to the local economy. That means for every one dollar that the County invests in the RCDs we will return \$13 in state and federal funding which provides clean water, habitat for endangered species and conservation of natural resources in Sonoma County.

RCDs are essential to serving the rural and agricultural communities of our County, comprised of 37,333 parcels and 827,531 acres. Protection of natural resources of our rural and agricultural communities make for more resilience urban communities in Sonoma County. The funds RCDs receive to complete natural resource conservation projects are spent in turn creating local jobs, supporting local businesses and creating informed and empowered communities.

### *Proposed Scope of Work and Performance Metrics*

Funding from the county to the RCDs will support:

1. Technical assistance for drought preparedness projects and water quality regulatory compliance on private lands agricultural lands for the benefit of wildlife and working lands and underserved rural residential areas. Delivery of a Water Conservation Technical Assistance Program and LandSmart farm water quality planning program available to landowners, which will be broadly publicized. Project identified through this program will include implementing water storage and conservation projects that increase summer instream flows for endangered fish and reducing excess sediment to our local streams. RCDs will serve an estimated 20,000 acres of land and 220 landowners, saving or storing over 3 million gallons of water in small rural areas in the county and reducing tens of thousands of cubic yards of sediment in to entering local streams.
2. Planning and implementation for voluntary endangered species habitat enhancement projects on private land. These projects include, but aren't limited to, work such as; adding habitat structures to tributaries, reducing fine sediment delivery to streams, revegetation, and removal of fish passage barriers. RCDs will work to improve over a mile of instream habitat for fish, remove one fish passage barrier, implement 4 instream flow enhancement projects.
3. Coordination and leveraging of conservation goals with other County organizations including the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, the

Regional Climate Protection Authority, the Sonoma County Food Systems Alliance, and University of CA Cooperative Extension's office for the purpose of enhancing water quality, conserving water, improving wildlife habitat, demonstrating economic value of working lands and ecosystem services, and providing technical assistance and outreach on rural and agricultural lands. RCDs will attend and or organize 6 County Agency coordination meetings.

4. Expand opportunities for youth to have hands –on restoration experience -Sonoma Youth Ecology Corps, Sonoma RCD's FARMS Leadership program and other youth outdoor experience programs. RCDs plans to serve over 1000 youth, introducing them to their rural heritage and agricultural and natural resources in the county.
5. RCDs will invest the County support by submitting up to 12 grant proposal for projects related to water conservation/storage, water quality improvement and youth outdoor experiential education.
6. Reporting: within 60 days of completion of the agreed upon scope or prior to end of the contract period as specified, a notice of completion and final report will be provided to the Sonoma County Administrator's office for review. Bi-annual reports on progress will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. An annual presentation will be given to the Board of Supervisors demonstrating how the County funding has been leveraged.

The prior proposed activities will support the following County's Strategic Plan Goals and Outcomes:

- Community is proactive in mitigating & adapting to the causes & impacts of climate change to safeguard the environment, human health & the economy
- Protect, maintain & manage parks, public lands & open space systems that promote recreation, health, agricultural viability & protects watersheds, promotes biodiversity & contributes to the economic vitality
- Agricultural resources are preserved, valued for food & for maintaining links to our County's heritage
- Community members have access to clean air, water, & safe, reliable solid & liquid waste management systems
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- Increased or enhanced community based partnerships

***Funding Requested***

Year One (FY 14/15):	\$ 210,000
Year Two (FY 15/16):	\$ 280,000

## County Funding Two Year Budget

	Year 1	Year 2
<b>County Funding</b>	<b>210,000.00</b>	<b>280,000.00</b>
Staff Salaries and Benefits (includes time for grant writing, program planning and development, technical assistance water conservation and water quality, youth education, publicity, and reporting)	131,700.00	201,700.00
Annual Audit (portion)	12,000.00	12,000.00
Bookkeeping & Accounting	37,300.00	37,300.00
IT Maintenance and Support	13,000.00	13,000.00
Rent (portion)	12,000.00	12,000.00
Office Expense	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>210,000.00</b>	<b>280,000.00</b>

### ***Leveraging the County's Investment***

By leveraging the potential funding from the County, the RCD's will bring in the following state, and federal grant and private funds during the 14/15 and 15/16 fiscal years.

2014/2015: 3 million

2015/2016: 3.5 million

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, THE SONOMA RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** dated on 11/24, 2014, by and between the County of Sonoma, a political subdivision of the State of California, (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Sonoma Resource Conservation District and the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (hereafter referred to as "Resource Conservation Districts").

**RECITALS:**

- A. The Resource Conservation Districts identify local conservation problems and guide conservation solutions, and their natural resource conservation projects create local jobs, support local businesses and create informed and empowered communities. The Sonoma Resource Conservation District covers 919,000 acres, and includes major portions of the Russian River, Petaluma River, Stemple Creek Gualala River, and the entire Sonoma Creek Watershed. The Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District covers 134,000 acres and includes the Willow Creek Watershed, Dutch Bill Creek Watershed, Green Valley Creek Watershed, Pocket Canyon Watershed, and Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed, Blucher Creek Watershed, Estero Americano Watershed, Salmon Creek Watershed, Bodega Harbor Watershed and Scotty Creek Watershed.
- B. The Resource Conservation Districts have offered to provide services as set forth below in exchange for funding from the County of Sonoma (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Projects"):
  - 1. Technical assistance for drought preparedness projects and water quality regulatory compliance on private agricultural lands for the benefit of wildlife and underserved rural residential areas. Delivery of a Water Conservation Technical Assistance Program and LandSmart farm water quality planning program available to landowners, which will be broadly publicized. Projects identified through this program will include implementing water storage and conservation projects that increase summer in-stream flows for endangered fish and reduce excess sediment to the local streams. This project will serve an estimated 15,000 acres of land and 180 landowners, saving or storing over 2.5 million gallons of water in small rural areas in the County and prevent tens of thousands of cubic yards of sediment from entering local streams.
  - 2. Deliverable FY 2014/2015: 6,000 acres of land covered, 72 landowners served, 1,000,000 gallons of water stored or saved.
  - 3. Deliverable FY 2015/2016: 9,000 acres of land covered, 108 landowners served, 1,500,000 gallons of water stored or saved.
  - 4. Planning and implementation assistance for voluntary endangered species habitat enhancement projects on private land. These projects include, but are not limited to, work such as: adding habitat structures to tributaries, reducing fine sediment delivery



to streams, re-vegetation, and removal of fish passage barriers. The Resource Conservation Districts will work to improve over a mile of in-stream habitat for fish, remove one fish passage barrier and implement four in-stream flow enhancement projects.

5. Coordination of conservation goals with other County organizations including the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, the Regional Climate Protection Authority, the Sonoma County Food Systems Alliance, and the University of California Cooperative Extension's Office for the purpose of enhancing water quality, conserving water, improving wildlife habitat, demonstrating economic value of working lands and ecosystem services, and providing technical assistance and outreach on rural and agricultural lands. The Resource Conservation Districts will attend and/or organize two County Agency coordination meetings annually.
6. Deliverable FY 2014/15 Minutes from two County Agency coordination meetings
7. Deliverable FY 2015/16 Minutes from two County Agency coordination meetings
8. Expand opportunities for youth to have hands-on restoration experience, including Sonoma Youth Ecology Corps, Sonoma Resource Conservation District's FARMS Leadership program and other youth outdoor experience programs. The Resource Conservation Districts plan to serve over 700 youth, introducing them to their rural heritage and agricultural and natural resources in the County. The Resource Conservation Districts will submit up to 8 grant proposals for projects related to water conservation/storage, water quality improvement and youth outdoor experiential education. For every \$1 that the RCDs receive in County support they will secure \$10 in competitively sought state and federal grants or private fee for service agreements for conservation work benefitting the Counties' watersheds, wildlife and communities, their water quality, and water supply.

Task Deliverable: As part of the final report submitted to County, documentation of 8 grant proposals submitted and funding secured will be provided.

9. The RCDs will investigate all options for financial sustainability and modest growth to serve the conservation needs of their constituents, and recover unrecoverable costs. A report with the findings of this investigation will be provided to the County as part of the final report.
- C. Government Code Section 26227 authorizes the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to expend County general funds to support programs deemed by the Board of Supervisors to be necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County, including but not limited to, health, welfare and education.
- D. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has determined that providing no more than \$160,000 in Year 1 and \$220,000 in Year 2 ("Funds") to the Resource Conservation Districts in exchange for services to complete the Projects is necessary to meet the social needs of the population, including improving the health, welfare and educational opportunities provided to under-served residents of Sonoma County.

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the County and

Resource Conservation Districts agree as follows:

1. Project Implementation.

- a. California Environmental Quality Act Compliance. The parties acknowledge that the Projects may constitute a project according to CEQA for which environmental study, reports and public comment may be required. For the purposes of this Agreement and the Projects, the Resource Conservation Districts acknowledge that they shall function as the Lead Agency for the purposes of compliance with CEQA. Prior to the performance of any Project Construction tasks, the Resource Conservation Districts will provide the County with a copy of any documentation resulting from their CEQA review process, including any Notice of Exemption, Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Draft Environmental Report, or similar study, for review. No costs associated with the Projects Construction shall be reimbursable under this Agreement or paid to the Resource Conservation Districts until such time as the County has reviewed the environmental documentation.
- b. Year 1 Funding. Subject to all terms and conditions herein, the County of Sonoma agrees to provide the Resource Conservation Districts no more than the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) in fiscal year 2014-2015 to be used exclusively for the completion of Projects. At the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Resource Conservation Districts shall prepare a report for the County Administrator's Office to demonstrate the work that has been completed on the Year One Projects. Year One Projects include the projects as described in section B of this MOU, including the following tasks: provide technical assistance associated with Drought Preparedness, Water Conservation, LandSmart farming, Water Storage and Conservation and increase summer in-stream flows for 6,000 acres of land impacting 72 landowners and demonstrating 1 million gallons of stored or saved water; demonstrate continued work on habitat enhancement projects to improve in stream habitat for fish; organize at least 2 multi-agency meetings for coordination of conservation goals; expand youth hands-on restoration projects; and submit water conservation, water quality improvement and youth outdoor education grant proposals.

If the County Administrator reasonably determines that the Projects are being performed in accordance with this Agreement and the Resource Conservation Districts demonstrate that the Phase One Projects have met the social needs of the population as set forth herein and as required by Government Code section 26227 as determined by the County Administrator's Office, the County Administrator's Office will implement the second year of the Agreement to provide the Resource Conservation Districts no more than the sum of two hundred twenty thousand (\$220,000) for the completion of the Projects in fiscal year 2015-16. If County Administrator's Office deems Resource Conservation Districts do not satisfy Year 1 Project performance, staff will terminate the agreement in accordance with Section 2, Term of Agreement.

- c. **Year Two Funding.** Subject to all terms and conditions herein, the County of Sonoma agrees to provide the Resource Conservation Districts no more than the sum of two hundred twenty thousand (\$220,000) in fiscal year 2015-2016 to be used exclusively for the completion of Projects. At the termination of both phases of the Agreement, the Resource Conservation Districts shall prepare a final report to the County, including a notice of completion of the Projects.

2. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall be from November 24, 2014 to July 31, 2016, unless terminated earlier by the County. At any time and without cause, County shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement by giving 5 days written notice. If the County reasonably determines that the Projects will not be implemented or that the purposes of the Projects will not be met within the timeframes provided herein, the County may commence and pursue all available legal remedies to recoup any and all funds disbursed to the Resource Conservation Districts. In such an event, the County shall first send the Resource Conservation Districts sixty (60) days written notice prior to commencing such an action, and reasonably with the Resource Conservation Districts on an alternative solution.

3. **Publicity.** Publicity generated by the Resource Conservation Districts for work performed or services offered or funded by this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement and for one year following expiration of this Agreement, shall make reference to the contribution of the County in making the Projects possible.

4. **Non-Discrimination.** The Resource Conservation Districts agree to comply with applicable federal state and local laws prohibiting discrimination in employment or in the provision of services because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation or mental or physical handicap.

5. **Indemnity.** The Resource Conservation Districts agree to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including but not limited to County, and to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, reimburse and release County, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all actions, claims, damages, disabilities, liabilities and expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees and the cost of litigation incurred in the defense of claims as to which this indemnity applies or incurred in the defense of claims as to which this indemnity applies or incurred in an action by County to enforce the indemnity provisions herein, whether arising from personal injury, property damage or economic loss of any type, that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the Resource Conservation Districts, arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Resource Conservation Districts hereunder, whether or not there is concurrent negligence on the part of County, but, to the extent required by law, excluding liability due to the sole or active negligence or due to the willful misconduct of County. If there is a possible obligation to indemnify, the Resource Conservation Districts' duty to defend exists regardless of whether it is ultimately determined that there is not a duty to indemnify. County shall have the right to select its own legal counsel at the expense of the Resource Conservation Districts, subject to the Resource Conservation Districts' approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable to or for

the Resource Conservation Districts or their agents under workers' compensation acts, disability, benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

As part of this Agreement, the Resource Conservation Districts agree to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions from any claim, action or proceeding brought against any of the foregoing individuals or entities, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this Agreement or the adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it. This indemnification shall include but not be limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees or expert witness fees that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the Resource Conservation Districts, arising out of or in conjunction with the approval of this Agreement, whether or not there is concurrent passive or active negligence on the part of the County. If, for any reason any portion of this indemnification provision is held to be void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

6. Insurance. With respect to performance of work under this Agreement, the Resource Conservation Districts shall maintain insurance as described below. The Resource Conservation Districts shall require of all its contractors and their subcontractors to maintain the Workers Compensation, General Liability and Automobile insurance as described below:

- a. Workers' Compensation insurance with statutory limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of California. Said policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language:

"This policy shall not be cancelled or materially changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County of Sonoma."

- b. Commercial General Liability Insurance covering bodily injury and property damage utilizing an occurrence policy form, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 General Aggregate and \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate. Said insurance shall include, but not be limited to, premises and operations liability, independent contractors' liability, products and completed operations liability, contractual liability and personal injury liability.

The Commercial General Liability insurance policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language:

- i. The County of Sonoma, its officers and employees, is named as additional insured for all liability arising out of the operations by or on behalf of the named insured in the performance of this agreement.
- ii. The inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply as though separate policies had been issued to each insured,



but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability.

- iii. The insurance provided herein is primary coverage to the County of Sonoma with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the County, and no insurance held or owned by County shall be called upon to contribute to a loss.
  - iv. This policy shall not be cancelled or materially changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County of Sonoma.
  - d. Automobile liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 for each accident. Said insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.
  - e. Documentation: The following documentation shall be submitted to the County:
    - i. Properly executed Certificates of Insurance clearly evidencing all coverages, limits, and endorsements required above. Said Certificates shall be submitted prior to the execution of this Agreement.
    - ii. The inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply separately to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability.
    - iii. Signed copies of the specified endorsements for each policy. Said endorsement copies shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of County's request.
    - iv. Upon County's written request, certified copies of insurance policies. Said policy copies shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of County's request.
  - h. Policy Obligations: The Resource Conservation Districts' indemnity and other obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements.
    - i. The Resource Conservation Districts shall provide County with current certificate(s) of insurance endorsed with the aforementioned specific language and will maintain valid certificate(s) on file with County for the duration of this contract.
7. Compliance with Laws, Prevailing Wages. To the extent any portion of the services performed on the Projects constitutes the performance of a "public work" within the meaning of Labor Code section 1720, the Resource Conservation Districts shall comply with all applicable wage and hour laws, including without limitation Labor Code sections

1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1813 and 1815 and California Code of Regulations, Title 8, section 16000 et seq. The Resource Conservation Districts shall also ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

8. Right to Audit and Inspect. The Resource Conservation Districts understand and agree to permit County the right to audit and inspect all records, notes and writings of any kind to the extent permitted by law, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
9. Obligations After Termination. The following sections shall remain in full force and effect after termination of this Agreement: (1) Paragraph 3, Non-Discrimination; and (2) Paragraph 4, Indemnification.
10. No Political or Religious Activity. County funds shall be used only for the purposes specified in this agreement and in any attachments hereto. No County funds shall be used for any political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for political office. No County funds shall be used for purposes of religious worship, instruction, or proselytizing.
11. Merger. This writing is intended both as the final expression of the Agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the included terms and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the Agreement, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1856. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until such modification is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.
12. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court to be invalid or illegal for any reason, said invalidity or illegality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement.
13. Method and Place of Giving Notice. All notices, bills and payments shall be made in writing and may be given by personal delivery or by mail or email. Notices, bills and payments sent by mail should be addressed as follows:

COUNTY

County Administrator's  
Office Attn: C. Rivera  
575 Administration Dr.  
Room 104-A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Gold Ridge  
Attn: Brittany Heck  
2776 Sullivan Road  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Sonoma  
Attn: Kara Heckert  
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

In all other instances, notices, bills, and payments shall be deemed given at the time of actual delivery. Changes may be made in the names and addresses of the person to whom notices, bills, and payments are to be given by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

14. Assignment/Delegation. Neither party shall assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in or delegate any duty under this Agreement without the written consent of the other, and no assignment shall have any force or effect whatsoever unless and until the other party shall have so consented.
15. Status of Parties. This Agreement shall not be construed to create a joint venture or partnership. Neither party is the agent of the other for any purpose. There are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement, and it may be enforced only by the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as set forth below.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

DATED: 11/21/14

By: Kara Heckert  
Sonoma Resource Conservation District  
Kara Heckert, Executive Director

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: see next page  
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District  
Brittany Heck, Executive Director

**COUNTY OF SONOMA**

DATED: 11/24

By: [Signature]  
Chair  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

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**RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: See Prior Page  
Sonoma Resource Conservation District

DATED: 11-20-2014

By: Buttons, DR  
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

**COUNTY OF SONOMA**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: See Prior Page  
Chair  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors



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## The NACD eResource

Weekly News Briefs from NACD

### NACD CEO VISITS WITH DISTRICT LEADERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA & FLORIDA

NACD CEO Jeremy Peters highlighted NACD's recent efforts to invigorate the conservation planning process and build technical capacity at two state conservation district associations' annual meetings last week.

At both Pennsylvania's and Florida's annual meetings – on July 28 and July 30, respectively – Peters discussed NACD's role in the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) and one of the many benefits of that partnership – NRCS Bootcamp Training, in which 36 district employees have now participated so far this year.

At the PACD meeting, Peters summarized President Lee McDaniel's testimony before a House Agriculture subcommittee in May, which stressed the importance of voluntary solutions – especially in the face of regulatory pressure – when it comes to improving water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.



Peters also put an emphasis on NACD's Urban Agriculture

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#### Have you seen NACD's new website?

NACD is very proud to announce we've launched a new and improved website! It's at the same URL ([www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org)), but trust us, it's a whole new user experience! Next up for a remodel is NACD's Marketplace, so stay tuned for a second launch very soon. If you have questions or comments about the new site's functionality or content, please reach out to NACD Communications and Operations Coordinator Sara Kangas at [sara-kangas@nacdn.net.org](mailto:sara-kangas@nacdn.net.org).

#### Toronto team takes top honors at 2016 Envirothon

Last week, more than 250 high school students from 53 teams across three different countries gathered in Peterborough, Ontario, for the 2016 North American Envirothon, an event put on by the National Conservation Foundation. Competitors from the United States



Conservation Initiative, which recently awarded \$2 million in grant

funding for technical assistance to 42 conservation districts across 25 states. While at the AFCD meeting in Ocala, Fla., Peters had the opportunity to congratulate several of the districts selected to receive grants in person, including Florida's Leon SWCD and Hillsborough SWCD (pictured with Peters above), and Georgia's Flint River SWCD.

While in Florida, Peters also presented a certificate of recognition to NACD Soil Health Champion Burlin Findley of Jay, Fla., pictured at right. Findley's Soil Health Champion Network profile is available on our website – [click here](#) to take a look!



## NACD LEADERS AND STAFF PRESENT AT SWCS MEETING IN LOUISVILLE

NACD North Central Representative Beth Mason presented an update on the Conservation Partnership's efforts to improve conservation planning during the 71st annual Soil and Water Conservation Society conference last week. Jack Majeres, longtime NACD leader and chair of the Moody County Conservation District in South Dakota, gave a testimonial during her presentation on the power of whole-farm conservation planning.



Mason (pictured on the far right) also manned NACD's expo booth with Kentucky Soil Health Champions Jon Bednarski (far left) and Kevin Jeffries (middle), while NACD

Communications Specialist Bill Berry participated in a water quality trading symposium.

and Canada – and a guest team from China – traveled to Trent University to show off their teamwork, presentation, and critical thinking skills, along with their expertise in five environmental science and natural resources management topics: forestry, aquatics, soils/land use, wildlife, and invasive species.

Smithfield Foods, the world's leading pork producer and supplier, awarded a total of \$30,000 in cash prizes to students on the top three winning teams: University of Toronto Schools, Ontario (1st place); Penncrest High School, Pennsylvania (2nd); and Palisades Charter High School, California (3rd). To learn more about this year's Envirothon competition and to see a list of the top ten scoring teams, check out this [NACD press release](#).

## Close-out sale on stewardship, education materials

Now is the time to purchase stewardship and education materials from [NACD's Marketplace](#) – printed materials are 75 percent off already low prices! NACD offers a wide range of educational materials for kindergarten students to eighth graders, including worksheets, booklets, activity placemats, bookmarks, church leader materials, and more! Take a look at what NACD has to offer at our store and be sure to contact [stewardship@nacdnct.org](mailto:stewardship@nacdnct.org) with any questions.

## 2016 NACD/NACD Auxiliary Poster Contest

The 2016 National Poster Contest's theme is the 2016 NACD



During his presentation, Berry explained the project NACD and American Farmland Trust have in the works: a catalog of conservation districts' lessons learned when it comes to participating in and/or administering water quality trading and other environmental markets. Majeres participated in the symposium, which featured his district's work on the Big Sioux River Watershed Project.

Berry also presented on NRCS' Resource Stewardship Initiative (RSI) – a new method for land managers to gauge the effect of their stewardship practices – and on the tools NACD is developing to recognize the accomplishments of land managers who use RSI.

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## **NACD LENDS EXPERTISE AT SOIL HEALTH INSTITUTE'S INAUGURAL ANNUAL MEETING**

NACD Past President and SHI Board Member Earl Garber headed to Louisville last week to help SHI develop its "Action Plan" during the organization's inaugural meeting. NACD North Central Representative Beth Mason led the discussion in the Communications and Education work group, which is tasked with identifying key audiences, partners, potential strategies, and educational materials and resources for SHI.

Mason also spoke on behalf of NACD's Soil Health Champions Network as a speaker on the conference's soil health panel. Other panelists included Rob Myers, North Central SARE; Nick Goesser, National Corn Growers Association; Larry Clemens, The Nature Conservancy; and Dr. Bianca Moebius-Clune, USDA NRCS Soil Health Division.

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## **NACD PRESIDENT LEE MCDANIEL EXPLAINS WHY CONSERVATION IS A COMMODITY**

Stewardship topic: We All Need Trees. To enter your poster in the contest, read up on the competition rules [here](#), and make sure you meet the deadline your local district has set for submissions. State poster contest organizers have until December 1, 2016 to mail the top state posters to: NACD National Poster Contest, 509 Capitol Court N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Posters can also be sent by email to [stewardship@nacdnet.org](mailto:stewardship@nacdnet.org) as JPEG files. The top three posters in each category of the national contest will receive monetary prizes.

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### **2016 NACD/NACD Auxiliary Photo Contest**

Calling all amateur photographers! Win a cash prize by sending as many as five photos to NACD that fit in the following categories: Conservation Practices, Close-up Conservation, Conservation in Action, or Agriculture and Conservation across America. One winner will be selected for each category and age division. All entries must be submitted electronically to [stewardship@nacdnet.org](mailto:stewardship@nacdnet.org) by December 1, 2016. For more information, go to our website's [Contest](#) page.

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**NACD Events Calendar**

Last Thursday, President Lee McDaniel brought the voice of conservation to the 18th annual Maryland Commodity Classic. McDaniel, a Maryland-native, was one of four speakers to participate in a panel discussion on American agriculture. The other panelists – all of whom live in Maryland or Delaware – were Richard Wilkins, president of the American Soybean Association; Chip Councell, chairman of the U.S. Grains Council; and Jason Scott, chairman of U.S. Wheat Associates.

Those in attendance heard firsthand how these panelists – their neighbors – are working to bring an understanding of agricultural and conservation issues from the national stage to the local level. Specifically, McDaniel spoke on the importance of NACD's work on urban conservation, highlighting the association's initiative to help urban districts increase their technical assistance capacity and strengthen the urban/rural coalition.

For additional details regarding meetings listed below, [click here](#).

- NACD Annual Meeting -  
January 28 - February 2, 2017
- South Central Regional Meeting  
- August 10 - 12, 2016
- Northeast Regional Meeting -  
August 14 - 17, 2016
- Southwest & Pacific Regional  
Meeting - Sept. 14 - 16, 2016
- North Central Regional  
Meeting - January 9 - 10,  
2017

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