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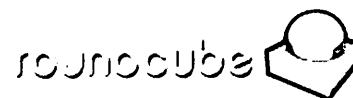
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Good morning,

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) is seeking a speaker for an upcoming Outreach to Urban Communities webinar on January 18. The previous speaker that they had lined up had to cancel due to a health emergency.

This webinar is part of NACD's Urban and Community Conservation webinar series.

If you have used creative ways to reach urban and community audiences in your district (as many of you do every day!) and would be willing to give a presentation about your work during this webinar, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can pass your information on to the NACD Representative.

Alternatively, please feel free to make a recommendation if you know of someone in another district whom you think could be a good fit for presenting during this webinar.

Thank you!

Sara

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Hi Everyone,

There are quite a few RCDs around the state that are hiring – check out the opportunities from Mariposa County RCD, Shasta Valley RCD, Tahoe RCD and even CARCD on our [website](#). Please pass along to anyone in your network that might be interested in joining an RCD team!

And if your RCD is hiring and you'd like us to post the job on our website and spread the word on social media – please send the information along to me.

Thanks – and Happy New Year!

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Happy New Year!

The Summit is right around the corner – a great way to start the year!

**Registration is open! Please register this week:** <http://www.carangeland.org/2017/12/11/2018-summit-registration/>. You'll notice that the two-for-one registration is when accompanied by a rancher attending the Summit for the first time. This year's theme ought to be of interest to many ranchers who've not attended before.

Join us for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual CRCC Rangeland Summit, January 16-17. *Lions and Horses and Wolves, Oh My! Policy and Management of Wildlife Conflict on Rangelands*. Keynote Speaker, Wally Roney, rancher. These two days will be an opportunity to more fully understand the intersection of rangeland conservation with wildlife policy, livestock enterprise, and the human community. We will hear from wildlife and ranching experts prior to discussing these issues together in an effort to respectfully learn from each other and gain new insights to viable solutions. Further, we hope to discover cooperative opportunities to positively affect future rangeland management, policy decisions and other programs that will ensure that California's rangeland resources and their communities remain healthy and viable – for all of us.

Where: Robert Cabral Ag Center, Stockton. [2101 E Earhart Ave, Stockton](#)

Register: <http://www.carangeland.org/2018-rangeland-summit/>

Contact: Karen Sweet [karensweet@carangeland.org](mailto:karensweet@carangeland.org), California Rangeland Conservation Coalition

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**Silent Auction.** Donated items are welcome, of about \$25 in value. I'd like to know what you are bringing by Jan 10. Organizations are encouraged to include logo item swag (e.g. calendar, pen, matted photo). If you prefer or are not attending, you may make a cash donation <http://www.carangeland.org/2017/12/15/booth-and-sponsorship-registration/> so that I can use it to prepare other items. I'll ask each of you attending to help us sell the raffle tickets for a while.

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Hi Folks,

Happy start to the week!

I responded to everyone who had a pending board meeting with a draft of a water bond fact sheet. Please let me know if I missed you or if you have a board meeting coming up ASAP and I will get you a draft.

Thanks for your attention to this!!  
Karen

On Fri, Jan 5, 2018 at 10:14 AM, Karen Buhr <CARCD\_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net> wrote:  
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Hi Folks,

Thanks for the feedback!

I have heard from several of you individually.

If you are interested in participating on a conference call, please fill out the doodle.

<https://doodle.com/poll/evsp3bwewtx8x86k>

Looking forward to talking with you!  
Karen

On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 12:24 PM, Karen Buhr <[CARCD\\_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net](mailto:CARCD_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net)> wrote:

Hi Folks,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hi Folks,

Thanks for all your interest around the water bond.

Please find attached the final fact sheet for boards that are making a decision soon.

The Water Bond and the Parks Bond will be on the CARCD board agenda in February. If the board takes a position on the bonds, we will update you.

Please feel free to reach out if you have questions or if I can be of assistance. Also, I would love to hear if your board made a decision and what decision they made.

Have a great weekend!

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## 2018 California Water Bond Information

The following information is meant to offer a balanced look at the California Water Bond of 2018\* so that RCD boards can make an informed decision about whether or not to support it. The CARCD has no official position at this time and will not until at least February. This information is meant to help boards make a decision until CARCD can make a stance. This information was gathered from the waterbond website, communications from the waterbond supporters, the Sierra Club public documents ([https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/sierra-club-california/PDFs/Fact\\_Sheet\\_on\\_Water\\_Bond\\_Opposition.pdf](https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/sierra-club-california/PDFs/Fact_Sheet_on_Water_Bond_Opposition.pdf)), and conversations with partner environmental groups.

It should also be noted that RCDs are able to take a position on bonds. They can not take a position on legislation, but they are allowed to take positions on bonds.

*\*Please note that the Water Bond is not the same as Senate Bill 5, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which will be on the June ballot. SB 5 is a bond for approximately \$4.1 billion covering many of the same expenditures. These are two separate initiatives.*

### **What's in it?**

The bond provides \$8.8 billion dollars for conservation and water management. You can read the full text of the bond at <https://waterbond.org/>.

### **Benefits**

- Money for RCDs, partner agencies, and conservation work
  - Specifically for RCDs:
    - \$13 million for RCDs
    - \$10 million for the Watershed Coordinator Program
  - Also, funding for conservancies and other grant programs that fund RCD projects
  - \$50 million for ag water conservation
  - \$5 million for IRWM
  - \$185 million for conservancies
  - \$170 million for river parkways
  - \$30 million for DOC's ag land program (conservation easements)
  - \$100 million for fire mitigation
  - \$100 million for WCB (\$50 million for the ag land program)
  - \$200 million for Oroville repair
  - Storm water, urban forestry, restoration, and many other RCD areas of interest are funded
- Funding for water supply
- Most funding is ag friendly



## Challenges

- There is controversy from a provision in the bond about the Friant Kern canal. The bond includes \$750 million dollars for this controversial provision and is at the core of the opposition to the bond:
  - The expansion of surface storage- while technically no funding from the bond goes to surface storage, some environmental groups feel that the Friant Canal will increase surface storage by making a dam viable (temperance flat). Please see the fact sheet from the Sierra Club. But it is noted that this information was repeated from other environmental groups as part of their concern.
  - The expansion of conveyance- in particular the funding for repairing the Friant Canal has been controversial to conservationists due to their impact on habitat. Again, please see the Sierra Club fact sheet.
  - There has been some concern over the impact the bond has on the San Joaquin River Settlement. There is concern that the bond overrides a mediated agreement that took over 10 years to reach amongst the various interest groups. While complicated, the basic tenant was a beneficiary pay model that required an investment from the direct users that received benefit from the improvements. The bond instead transfers that responsibility on to the taxpayers. The concern is that the language would override many of the key environmental goals that were reached as part of the settlement for 3 reasons:
    - It overrides an agreement that was entered into by all sides
    - It threatens endangered species in the area
    - It has some implications for setting precedent on endangered species legislation and agreements being overridden by bonds
    - Several of the beneficiaries are partially funding the bond.

Please see the Sierra Club Fact Sheet. It is also noted that these concerns were restated by several environmental groups.

It should be noted that \$750 million is directed to the Natural Resources Agency to support the settlement. Some feel this language is confusing and undermines the settlement. This is beyond CARCDs ability to weigh in. The language is on the website for direct interpretation.

- While the Sierra Club is the only group in opposition at this point, several major environmental groups are expressing that they won't support the bond either by opposing or remaining neutral due to the controversial provisions or partnerships with groups that will come out against it. \*

- While there is no knowing what will happen, it is likely that the administration will come out against the bond. Throughout his administration, he has been in opposition of large bonds, he put a lot of pressure on the legislature to negotiate the parks bond (covering much of the same expenditure covered in this bond) down to \$4.1 billion and has expressed his support for that bond- SB 5. The Governor will likely make an announcement at some point this spring to his support or opposition. Many groups are waiting until he indicates his stance before the make a decision.\*
- While legislators are not likely to come out in opposition to a bond, there are legislators that are not in support of the bond because of both the concerns above and because the funding was negotiated by legislators in the \$4.1 billion Parks Bond (SB 5) that was passed by the legislature last season and will be on the ballot this summer. They feel that the bond is redundant to bond they already passed.\*

\*Please note none of this concern is on the public record and is not a certain fact. It is through unofficial conversations.

#### **Procedure/ Timing**

Any bond has many hurdles to get through. It has to qualify for the ballot (which takes several steps). It then has to build enough support for the measure that voters approve it. That takes a fundraising campaign to send positive messages and work with potential opposition to advise them of the net benefit of the proposal.

The current bond:

- The Bond still needs to get enough signatures to make the ballot. It is likely that will happen by February.
- Once it does, it has to raise enough funds for an active campaign. While there is a plan for funding the campaign, this has not been raised yet.
- If the Governor and key members of the legislature come out in opposition to the bond, the goal to achieve will be even higher.

Most statewide groups are waiting for the bond to officially make the ballot before making a decision. We will likely see most groups expressing support or opposition later this spring based on the governors support or opposition, who comes out in support or opposition and the fundraising for the campaign.

#### **Considerations & Recommendations**

- 1) **Philosophical:** Each entity (RCD) has to weigh whether or not their philosophical goals are in opposition to the controversial parts of the legislation. If they are in opposition, they have to weigh whether the financial gain to conservation outweighs the concerns.

- 2) **Political:** The RCDs will be asking for a continuation of capacity building funding from the legislature this year. It is likely to be a heavy lift. There is at least a small political risk in supporting the water bond if the Governor and key legislators come out against the measure.
- 3) **Timing:** Most groups are waiting until more is known about the bond to make a decision. It would probably behoove RCDs to wait until a little more is known about the political opposition and viability of the bond before expressing support or opposition.
- 4) **Partners:** It would be a good idea to check in with key local partners to see what their stance is. The Sierra Club is the most vocal group. If the RCD works closely with the Sierra Club, it would be a good idea to check in with them. Also, check in with other environmental partners that work closely with the RCD to better understand their position.
- 5) **Positioning:** While RCDs can take a position on bonds (not legislation) the RCD should consider whether this is a role they want to play in their community given that it could put them in opposition to partners or create a perception of political bias.

**Note from Karen Buhr, CARCD Executive Director:**

While RCDs hold a trusted and important role in our communities both locally and as a statewide advocate, the bond already has an impressive list of local support. Your RCD could certainly help the perception of broad local support but won't be the deciding factor. Your board shouldn't feel too much pressure to take a position or what that position will be.

Lastly, while RCDs certainly don't want to get on the wrong side of the legislators and the Governor as we collectively are asking for capacity building funding for RCDs (which is a slight risk if we support the bond while they oppose it), our stance on the bond likely won't have an impact on the outcome of our funding request.

Subject **[CARCD Updates] Invitation: DFW grant discussion @ Thu Jan 25, 2018 3pm – 4pm (PST)**  
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Hi Folks,

Thanks for the feedback from people who are interested in participating.

The best time is Thursday at 3. I will send out a calendar invite.

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Our meeting with DFW is on the 31st.

Thanks,  
Karen

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From: **Karen Buhr** <CARCD\_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net>  
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Subject: [CARCD Updates] Feedback needed- DFW fisheries grant programs  
To: [karen-buhr@carcd.org](mailto:karen-buhr@carcd.org)

Hi Folks,

Thanks for the feedback!

I have heard from several of you individually.

If you are interested in participating on a conference call, please fill out the doodle.

<https://doodle.com/poll/evsp3bwewtx8x86k>

Looking forward to talking with you!  
Karen

On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 12:24 PM, Karen Buhr <CARCD\_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net> wrote:

Hi Folks,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Karen

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Hi Folks,

Happy Monday!

The Governor has released his plan for Cap and Trade Auction Revenue.

Included is funding for several programs that interest RCDs:

The Healthy Soils Program

SWEEP

SALC

Healthy and Resilient Forests through CALFIRE

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Karen



## Governor Brown Releases Cap and Trade Auction Revenue Expenditure Plan *Friday, January 26th, 2018*

Governor Brown has released a \$1.25 billion expenditure plan of cap and trade auction revenue. This plan is for the 40% of discretionary cap and trade funds and does not reflect the remaining 60% of funds that are continuously allocated to transportation and sustainable communities programs. The proposed expenditure plan includes \$160 million to CalFire for Healthy and Resilient Forests. The only additional funding for natural resources programs is a \$5 million allocation to CDFA's Healthy Soils program. The breakdown of cap and trade auction revenue expenditure is as follows:

Figure CLI-01  
**2018-19 Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan**  
(Dollars in Millions)

Investment Category	Department	Program	Amount
Air Toxic and Criteria Air Pollutants	Air Resources Board	AB 617 - Community Air Protection	\$250
		Technical Assistance to Community Groups	\$5
Low Carbon Transportation	Air Resources Board	Clean Vehicle Rebate Project	\$175
		Clean Trucks, Buses, & Off-Road Freight Equipment	\$160
		Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, School Buses & Transportation Equity Projects	\$100
	Energy Commission	Low Carbon Fuel Production	\$25
Climate Smart Agriculture	Air Resources Board	Agricultural Diesel Engine Replacement & Upgrades	\$102
	Energy Commission	Energy Efficiency	\$34
	Department of Food and Agriculture	Healthy Soils	\$5
	Energy Commission	Renewable Energy	\$4
Healthy Forests	CAL FIRE	Healthy & Resilient Forests	\$160
	CalOES	Local Fire Response	\$25
Short-Lived Climate Pollutants	Department of Food and Agriculture	Methane Reduction	\$99
	CalRecycle	Waste Diversion	\$20
Integrated Climate Action: Mitigation & Resilience	Strategic Growth Council	Transformative Climate Communities	\$25
	IBank	California Integrated Climate Investment Program	\$20
	California Conservation Corps	Energy Corps	\$6
Climate and Clean Energy Research	Strategic Growth Council	California Climate Change Technology and Solutions Initiative	\$35
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,250</b>

To review the complete summary of the Governor's release, click [here](#).

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Good Morning RCD Family,

Please see our attached quarterly update on CARCD activities to support your important work including our advocacy agenda, training programs, major objectives and new opportunities.

Please let us know if you have any questions, ideas, or if we can be of assistance.

Thanks for all the great work you do! It makes it easy for us to do our job!  
Karen

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## **What is CARCD up to?**

**1/31/18**

Welcome to our update on CARCD's activities to support you in the important work you do. The goal is to give you quick soundbites for your board meeting. This is by no means comprehensive, just a thumbnail of our major activities. Please contact us if you have any questions or want more information. We are here to support you!

### **1) Capacity Funding for RCDs**

CARCD with the assistance of CSG will again ask the legislature for capacity funding for RCDs in the 2018 legislative season. We have set this as our primary objective for this legislative cycle.

We need your help! Thank you to everyone who responded to our *RCD Success Stories for the 2018 Legislative Season* survey at the end of last year. Twenty-one RCDs submitted information about the positive impact that the current round of funding is having on their districts and on their communities throughout California. The impressive list of projects, programs, and organizational changes being implemented as a result of the current capacity funding are a testament to how skilled RCDs can be at leveraging funds and responding creatively to external and internal challenges. In the coming months, CARCD will be working closely with CSG to deliver compelling and consistent messaging to legislators about how important continued funding for the RCD network will be in helping the state to meet its conservation objectives. We look forward to engaging RCD staff and directors so that your voice is heard in this process as well!

#### **Background**

In 2016 CARCD and CSG were able to secure \$2.5 million from general fund for RCD capacity building grants. Each RCD that applied received either \$10,000 or \$47,000 towards capacity building projects in their RCD. The funding must be spent by February 2019.

### **2) RCD Capacity Building and Training Programs**

There is still time to get involved with training! 3 programs are underway or will be soon. Please see the attached training information if you want more detail.

- a) Advocacy Academy- learn about your role in advocacy and help us talk about capacity funding for RCDs with your legislators. Starting in March
- b) Board Leadership Boot Camp will be happening soon. A great opportunity for training and community building for board members
- c) Communications Academy starting this fall around the new communication messages (see below)

#### **Background:**

CARCD's Capacity Building Program was developed at the request of and in coordination with RCD staff and directors throughout California. Given that this is the last round of Bechtel funding, now is the time to get engaged! Over the last few years, the board and staff leadership

trainings, durable collaborations, and specialized assistance programs have yielded excellent results in the RCD community. RCDs are now communicating amongst each other more than ever, leaders have acquired skills that have resulted in tangible outcomes (i.e. funding from the county, strong partnerships with new partners, new goals and programs, better board relationships and operations), there are more resources to assist RCDs in succeeding, and participants are active and enthusiastic about the future of RCDs. These, among many other positive outcomes, are proof that we are stronger together and are headed in the right direction!

### **3) Cannabis Help for RCDs**

CARCD has received funding to assist RCDs in working with legal cannabis producers. Our project goals are to inform and assist RCDs that are interested in creating a fee-for-service program to provide technical assistance to growers. We will highlight potential funding sources for RCDs, detail the legal implications, and create a how-to guide on building a program that will help RCDs create a locally appropriate BMP guide and program for growers (we'd love your assistance knowing that many of you are already working on this). Currently, we are meeting with the environmental regulatory agencies, grower's groups, and have plans to connect with local Ag Commissioners and counties, in order to understand the needs of agricultural compliance and to increase the awareness of RCDs' potential to deliver technical assistance.

### **4) "What is an RCD anyway?" Capacity Building- Communications Work**

As part of the capacity building effort we are tackling the age old question "What is an RCD anyway?" The goal is to have more compelling language to discuss the critical role RCDs play in the State and CARCDs critical role in the RCD movement. After extensive interviews of RCD members and partners, Solid Ground has some preliminary messaging. We will be testing them in our community and then will workshop the ideas. From there we will have common messaging that can be used by all RCDs to help better tell our story in a cohesive way.

This messaging will lay the groundwork for a new CARCD website!!

If you need help before we have finalized the messages, existing documents are available at:  
[http://www.carcd.org/rcd\\_topic\\_papers\\_and\\_core\\_messaging\\_documents.aspx](http://www.carcd.org/rcd_topic_papers_and_core_messaging_documents.aspx)

### **5) Forest Health RCPP**

CARCD worked with over 35 partners in State, County, and Local government (including RCDs), private industry, and non-profits to submit an RCPP to remove dead and dying trees in the 10 county tree mortality area. The partners promised over \$282 million in match. We are really excited to bring resources to the landowners in the Sierras that have had little to no resources to support removal on private property. We will be kicking the program off late spring once a contract is signed.

### **6) Grazing Land Coalition**

CARCD is ramping up the establishment of a local Grazing Lands Coalition (GLC) – a national effort tied to NRCS that is a rancher driven coalition aimed at providing the technical assistance

to ranchers. We have been engaging with the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition, California Cattleman's Association and will be attending the Society for Range Management National Conference at the end of January for rancher and industry recruitment, education, and RCD promotion. Please reach out to Kristen Murphy if you know ranchers (cattle, wool, or otherwise) who would love to be involved!

**7) Healthy Soils MOU partnership continues**

We continue on the path of implementing a statewide healthy soils network. The partners have been meeting regularly to create a framework to be able to support healthy soils networks around the state. We are having our first partners meeting in a few weeks and then we will be developing the structure that will allow for all the folks working on this issue to engage.

**Background**

CARCD signed an MOU with CDFA, NRCS, UC ANR, UC Davis, and the Farm Bureau Federation to work collaboratively on healthy soils and conservation farming practices. The MOU builds on the work of all the partners including RCD hubs, carbon farming, and healthy soils work throughout the State.

We will be housing a network designed to assist local efforts by increasing access to relevant resources. Bringing all the information, partners, and efforts into one place allows for the partners to work more efficiently together, identify needs, and better secure resources. We will need input from all of you on the next steps!!

**8) Farm Bill**

CARCD continues to work on Farm Bill. We are in a holding pattern until congress decides to take up the Farm Bill. If you have not yet met with your representative or would like to circle back with them, now is a good time to maintain the drum beat of why the Farm Bill is so important to California Agriculture. The Conservation Title accounts for approximately 45% of the NRCS California budget including offices, computers, and staff. We can't lose them!! Please, contact your Member of the House of Representatives to let them know how important the conservation title is to you. If you need help or talking points and making sure that they don't fall into advocacy, please let us know.

**9) Advocacy Work**

CARCD has been presenting at various meetings and working with the legislature on funding for RCDs, fire prevention funding, invasive species, a potential California Farm Bill, healthy soils programs, DFW grant programs, technical assistance funding, as well as other issues.

**10) CARCD Revenue Plan and Director**

As part of the capacity building effort, CARCD is working on a sustainable revenue plan that will help keep the organization sustainable and able to assist RCDs on a consistent basis at the level you would like. As part of that effort we are hiring a revenue specialist. Please see our website for the posting.

#### **11) Resource Library**

As CARCD moves toward launching its new website in the summer of 2018, we will be working to make sure that the RCD Resource Library is updated regularly, contains relevant content, and is easily accessible to RCD staff and directors. The Resource Library can be accessed from our website at [http://carcd.org/resource\\_library\\_main\\_page.aspx](http://carcd.org/resource_library_main_page.aspx) . If you have suggestions on templates or resources that should be added please e-mail [sara-schremmer@carcd.org](mailto:sara-schremmer@carcd.org).

#### **12) Vision and Standards**

The standards you all put together are in a holding pattern. As you remember, the voluntary standards for tier 1 made it through the rule making process last year to be officially a DOC program. However, because of some technicalities, they were not officially adopted. A discussion is needed in the RCD community as to the correct entity to hold the standards, processes for revision and how to make them meaningful. This is still a really important step for the RCD community, but needs some further discussion before moving forward.

##### **Background**

After a year and a half in development, participation from over 40 RCD District Managers, CARCD Board oversight, RCD input, and participation from many partners (over 75 people in all), the RCDs officially approved the RCD Vision and Standards at the 2014 conference in Ventura. The documents were intended to provide an overarching vision of how RCDs can serve their communities, best practices, and a roadmap to your RCD. The first tier- the legal requirements for an RCD that are already in law- were in process to be adopted in 2016. With tiers 2 and 3 to follow.

#### **13) Conference Planning is Underway**

Looking forward to seeing you in San Diego Nov. 14-17<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know your needs, thoughts and aspirations for conference. We'd love to hear them!!

## Advocacy Academy and Communications Academy Update

We wanted to send a reminder that due to important legislative priorities coming up in the spring and summer of 2018, the timing for upcoming capacity building trainings has shifted.

CARCD is now offering the Advocacy Academy in the spring of 2018, and the Communications Academy in the fall/winter of 2018-2019.

By prioritizing the launch of the Advocacy Academy, RCD staff and directors will be better prepared to participate in crucial legislative efforts in the coming year, including our push for a continued or expanded allocation from the General Fund for RCD capacity building.

Here is the new schedule and a reminder of the content of these trainings:

### *Advocacy Academy*

Led by consultant Allison Handler

Each of the trainings will be held in downtown Sacramento on the following dates:

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

The Academy training will be held all day on a Monday and each will have the same agenda. On the Tuesday following the training, participants will meet with their elected representatives in the State Assembly and Senate. CARCD and CSG will support Academy participants in setting up meetings with legislators at the Capitol. This will allow participants to put into practice what they have learned right away.

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

The application period for the Advocacy Academy is now closed, but if you missed the deadline and are still hoping to participate please contact Sara Schremmer ([sara-schremmer@carcd.org](mailto:sara-schremmer@carcd.org)) as soon as possible.

### *Communications Academy*

Online course running November 2018-February 2019

Led by consultant Amy Stork and Topic Area Specialists

In the summer of 2018, CARCD will roll out a statewide communications platform that includes key messages, tools, and templates for use by RCDs. The Communications Academy will help individual RCDs learn key communications practices to implement the platform, and adapt the

messages and tools to their own RCD. The course will launch at the CARCD annual conference in 2018. Participants can choose to continue learning with a series of six 1.5-2 hour webinars held November 2018-February 2019. Participants in the webinars will be expected to complete homework assignments between webinars, and will receive individualized feedback from Solid Ground communications experts. Applications will be sent out later this year, so please stay tuned!

### RCD Board Leadership "Boot Camps"

There will be a total of three RCD Board "Boot Camps" in 2018 as part of CARCD's Capacity Building Program. The first will take place in the Sacramento Valley from February 23-24, 2018. The other "Boot Camps" will be at dates and locations TBD later in 2018 and directors from all over the state will be welcome to participate.

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

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

The "Boot Camp" consists of the following commitments:

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

Registration for the first Boot Camp taking place in the Sacramento Valley is closed, but if you have any questions or simply want to be sure that you're notified when the next dates and locations are announced, please contact Sara Schremmer at [sara-schremmer@carcd.org](mailto:sara-schremmer@carcd.org).

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- Range Riding Workshop.pdf (~625 KB)

Good afternoon,

Defenders of Wildlife is hosting a free two-day workshop for livestock producers to explore a range of topics including:

- Benefits and myths of range riding
- Strategies to reduce wolf-livestock conflicts
- Predator-prey interactions and wildlife tracking
- Determining the cause of livestock losses

If you work with any landowners who may be interested please feel free to pass on the attached flier to them.

The workshop will be in Chester, California from February 20-21. Meals and lodging are included in the free workshop and registration is required. Please see the flier for registration information.

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California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff are holding public workshops on the development of the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program Guidelines. The workshops will provide an opportunity for RCDs to participate with CARB staff and other stakeholders in the development of the program guidelines. All meeting materials will be the same in all locations.

DATE: Friday, February 2, 2018  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)  
LOCATION: San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board  
2375 Northside Drive  
San Diego, California 92108

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2018  
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (PST)  
LOCATION: Tehama County Air Pollution Control District  
1834 Walnut Street  
Red Bluff, California 96080

DATE: Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)  
LOCATION: Sonoma County Farm Bureau  
3589 Westwind Boulevard  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

DATE: Friday, January 26, 2018  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)  
LOCATION: California Air Resources Board  
\* Monitoring and Laboratory Division

1927 13th Street  
Sacramento, California 95811

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)  
LOCATION: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Central Valley Regional Office  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, California 93726

\*The meeting in Sacramento will be available via webinar for those unable to attend in person. The web broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop with the following webinar ID: 165-524-867. The link to the webinar can be found here.

Thank you!

Sara

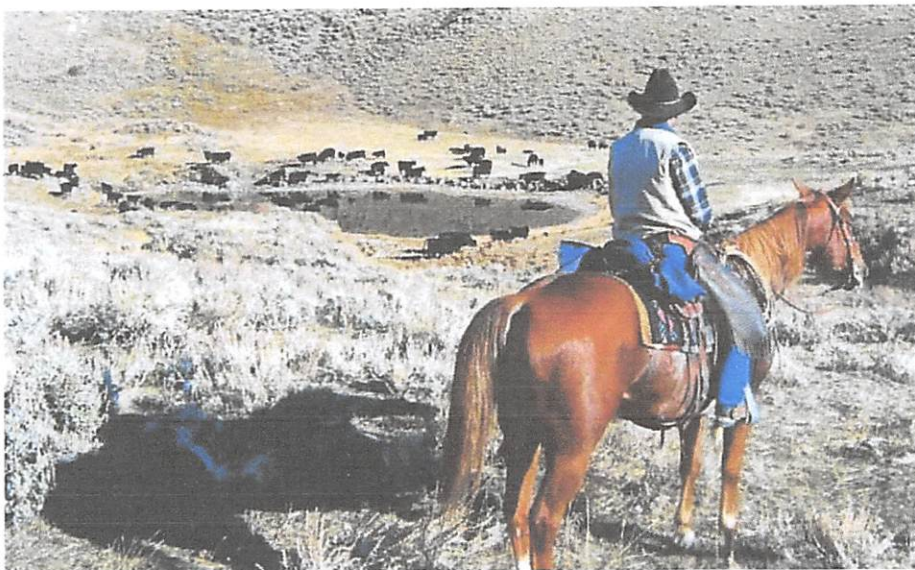
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Meals and lodging are included, but space is limited.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be an informative session!



## **FREE WORKSHOP!**

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] CAL FIRE Climate Change  
Investment grant funds available**

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- [Press Release\\_2017\\_CCI Grants\\_CALFIRE.pdf](#) (~121 KB)

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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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**RELEASE**  
**DATE:** December 21, 2017

### **CAL FIRE announces availability for Forest Health, Urban Forestry and Fire Prevention Grants**

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Information on qualifying projects is available in individual Procedural Grant Guidelines and will also be provided at upcoming workshops planned for mid-January at areas around the State and via webinar. Specific information about these workshops will be shared on CAL FIRE's social media accounts and on our grants page. More information and Procedural Grant Guidelines are posted at: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/grants>

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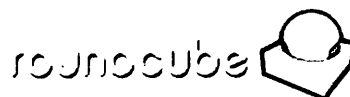
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The grants are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities. For more information, visit <http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/>.

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Hi everyone,

CAL FIRE will be holding four workshops on the 2017-2018 Climate Change Investment grant opportunities mentioned in the previous e-mail. Each workshop will cover funding in the Forest Health, Urban and Community Forestry, and Fire Prevention categories.

The Sacramento and Riverside events will also offer remote attendance options. Questions addressed at each event will be tracked and circulated with answers where possible. Look for remote participation information when available.

More information about the program is available here:

**Fresno: 1/19 from 1-4 p.m.**

Room 145

Caltrans

2015 E. Shields, Suite 100

Fresno, CA 93726

**Sacramento: 1/22 from 1-4 p.m.**

Auditorium

Natural Resources Building

1416 Ninth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Webinar information pending

**Riverside: 1/24 from 1-4 p.m.**

Auditorium

Ben Clark Training Center

16930 Bundy Avenue

Riverside, CA 92518

**Redding: 1/26 from 1-4 p.m.**

ABC Conference Room

Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters

3644 Avtech Parkway  
Redding, CA 96002

Webinar information pending

We'll pass on any additional information as it becomes available.

Thank you,

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Subject **Please register for the Advocacy Academy by Jan. 15**

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**RESOURCE**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear Dave,

The application period for CARCD's 2018 Advocacy Academy is still open!

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

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

What is the Advocacy Academy?

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

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

Training Details

Each of the Advocacy Academies will be held in downtown Sacramento. Detailed location information is forthcoming.

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

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

- Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20, 2018

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

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

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

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Project Manager

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] Prop 1 Grant Program  
Public Workshops**



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Hi everyone,

The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC), part of the California Natural Resources Agency, has announced 5 public workshops throughout the state in relation to its new solicitation for Proposition 1 grant proposals for projects benefiting California's ocean and coast.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend one of these workshops by visiting the Prop 1 webpage, which has a link to a 1-page PDF flyer with links to RSVP via Eventbrite.

The OPC Prop 1 webpage is: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2015/05/prop1/>.

Alternatively, the direct link to the flyer is: <http://bit.ly/Prop1workshops>

The public workshops are scheduled as follows. Each meeting will have a sign-up sheet for a limited number of short one-on-one appointments or "office hours" to discuss specific projects with staff.

#### January 17 at 11:30am - Los Angeles Area

Veteran's Memorial Building – Rotunda Room  
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA

This is a joint workshop with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, which is holding their own Prop 1 workshop immediately prior to OPC.

#### January 19 at 1pm - Oakland

Oakland – Elihu Harris Building – Room #7 (2nd floor)  
1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA

#### January 22 at 10am - San Diego

Regional Water Quality Control Board – Board Hearing Room  
2375 Northside Drive, San Diego

#### January 24 at 10am - San Luis Obispo

The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County  
Barneberg House, 550 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo – Living Room

**February 8 at 12:30pm - North Coast (between Eureka and Arcata)**

Humboldt Area Foundation

363 Indianola Road, Bayside, CA – Emerson Room

Applicants should carefully review the OPC Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines, the Grant Proposal Solicitation and Application Instructions, and the forms and templates found on the OPC's Prop 1 webpage. This webpage and all relevant documents can be found here: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2015/05/prop1>. Application deadline is February 23, 2018. For more information, send email to: [OPC\\_Prop1grants@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC_Prop1grants@resources.ca.gov).

Thank you!

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- Newsletter.2018.February-March.pdf (~430 KB)

Hi everyone,

The New Year has brought us an abundance of funding opportunities that could be a great fit for your RCD. Please see the list below and let us know if we can answer any questions:

- **The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) has approved \$55,000 in scholarships for special districts so far this year.** This includes a new scholarship fund to help districts without a website to create and maintain one. Here's a link to the scholarship applications: <https://www.sdlf.org/scholarships>. Most are for districts with annual budgets of less than \$8 million.
- **Sierra Nevada Conservancy has released their Feb-March 2018 Funding Opportunities Newsletter.** Please see the attached PDF for a list of opportunities, deadlines, and links to program websites.
- **The Bureau of Reclamation has released two funding opportunities** for fiscal year 2018 through its Drought Response Program, which is part of the Department of the Interior's WaterSMART program. Drought Contingency Planning Grants are due February 7, 2018 and Drought Resiliency Project Grants are due February 13, 2018.
- **The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) is soliciting pre-proposals for projects benefitting our coast and ocean.** Detailed information about this opportunity can be found on the OPC Proposition 84 Competitive Grant Program website. An informational webinar on February 20, 2018 will provide details on the priority research focus areas and application process. Pre-proposals are due March 15, 2018.

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Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER  
February-March 2018

**Upcoming Grants that Might be of Interest:**

- The CA Department of Parks and Recreation [Recreational Boating Facility grants](#) (due February 1) assist with the development and improvement of marinas and boat launching facilities and associated parking areas, restrooms, and lighting.
- The [Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation grant](#) program (due February 1) includes a category for Environment and Health, which encourages regional planning integrating economic and social goals with sound environmental policies.
- The [CA State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) (due February 5) supports the acquisition or development of land to create new outdoor recreation opportunities for the health and wellness of Californians.
- [State Water Resources Control Board Nonpoint Source Grants](#) (due February 8) can fund projects to minimize degradation of water quality in areas that have been impacted by 2017 fires. Also included are riparian fuel management, fuel reduction and/or post fire rehabilitation.
- [The Bureau of Reclamation Water SMART program](#) (due February 13) supports projects that increase the reliability of water supplies; improve water management; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought.
- [Strong Foundation grants](#) (due February 15) fund environmental and conservation efforts, eco-spirituality, grassroots action, environmental education, capacity building, citizen participation, collaborative efforts, land acquisition, planning and training.
- The [Rose Foundation California Wildlands Grassroots Fund](#) (due February 15) provides funding to grassroots conservation organizations advocating for the permanent protection of intact wildlands to help preserve California's wilderness and native biological diversity.
- [CALFIRE CA Climate Investments: Forest Health Program](#) (pre-applications due February 21) fund a variety of practices such as fuel reduction, reforestation, etc.

which increase the carbon stored in living trees, and protect forests, fish and wildlife habitats, native plant species, and water across California

- [The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service \(USFWS\): North America Wetlands Conservation Act Standard or Small Grants Program](#) (due February 23) provides funding for long-term protection, restoration, or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds.
- [The National Wildlife Federation Trees for Wildlife grant](#) (due February 23) provides native tree seedlings for restoration projects or community tree giveaway events.
- [The USDA Conservation Innovation Grants National Program](#) (due February 26) supports pilot projects, field testing, and on-farm research and demonstration, evaluation, or implementation of approaches to incentivizing conservation adoption and conservation technologies, practices, and systems.
- [The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation](#) grants (due February 26) fund projects that conserve the natural environment of Northern California, with a focus on habitat preservation, access to public lands, environmental education, and scientific research.
- [The Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program](#) (due March 1) funds projects that preserve or enhance climbing access and opportunities, and conserve the climbing environment throughout the United States.
- [The Central Valley Project Conservation Program and CVPIA Habitat Restoration Programs](#) (due March 16) seek to improve habitats for species impacted by the Central Valley Project.
- [The North American Native Fishes Association Gerald C. Corcoran Educational Grants](#) (due March 31) fund projects to educate the general public about native North American fishes and their environment.
- The [Hind Foundation](#) (rolling) provides grants in the areas of plant and wildlife protection, land conservation, and ecosystem conservation.
- The [Wildlife Conservation Board's Forest Conservation Program](#) (rolling) supports the conservation, preservation, and restoration of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests, and other forest types, including the conservation of water resources and natural habitat for native fish, wildlife, and plants found on these lands.

**Interested in other funding** for fuel reduction, parks and trails, habitat preservation, or environmental education? Grant Research Memos on a variety of topics are available on the [SNC funding opportunities webpage](#).

**Your SNC Area Representative** can help you set up an individual consultation with the SNC Funding Team to get advice about specific funding opportunities or general fund development strategies. To take advantage of this resource, [contact your Area Representative](#).

**Congratulations** to the Maidu Summit Consortium and Conservancy for their Watershed Restoration planning grant from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to restore Tásam Kojóm – Big Meadow.

**Grant Writing Workshops** are available to help build the capacity of organizations that serve the Sierra Nevada Region. If you are interested in organizing or attending a workshop, contact your [Area Representative](#).

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Subject **[Funding Opportunity] 2018 Tree Fund Scholarships**  
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- Request for Applications for 2018 TREE Fund Scholarships.pdf (~125 KB)
- RFP for 2018 Hyland R. Johns Grants.pdf (~122 KB)
- RFP for 2018 Safe Arborist Techniques Fund Grants.pdf (~119 KB)
- RFP for 2018 Utility Arborist Research Fund Grants (1).pdf (~125 KB)

Hi everyone,

Attached are several requests for proposals through the Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund).

There is a scholarship fund which may be of interest students who you work with who have a passion for trees, and three RFPs for projects that may be a good fit for your RCD. The TREE Fund's research and project priorities are centered on root and soil management, tree planting and maintenance, risk assessment, and urban and community forest management.

Thank you and Happy Friday!

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**TREE FUND**  
Cultivating Innovation

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

### **2018 UTILITY ARBORIST RESEARCH FUND GRANTS**

**Applications Accepted: January 17 through March 15, 2018**  
**Grant Value: \$10,000 to \$50,000 each**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) and Utility Arborist Association (UAA) established the Utility Arborist Research Fund (UARF) in 2010 to finance work with real importance and benefit to utility tree care professionals. In 2017, the UARF endowment reached its \$1.0 million activation goal, and first grants will be awarded in 2018. TREE Fund manages the UARF endowment and administers all research grants awarded, while UAA's Research Committee advises TREE Fund with respect to research priorities. Given the immense scope of annual utility arboriculture work on a global basis, if UARF-funded research can generate even a 1.0% reduction in tree-related outages, customer complaints, vegetation management complexity or emergency tree work, the financial, public relations, and worker safety returns on investment will be immense.

#### **2018 FUNDING LEVELS AND PRIORITIES**

A total of \$50,000 is available for award in 2018; the minimum award considered will be \$10,000, the maximum \$50,000, so that one to five grants may be awarded, subject to receipt of compliant applications. Work funded by UARF is expected to be completed within one to three years of award. The following topics have been identified by UAA and TREE Fund as areas of particular interest or emergent need; this list is not exhaustive, but is offered to provide perspective on the types of research questions UARF is intended to address:

- Developing cost effective processes for assessing the risk of failure to seemingly healthy trees;
- Assessing tree contact as it relates to wildfire ignition;
- Evaluating the inherent tree-related reliability of common types of energy delivery infrastructure;
- Assessing risks caused by crown asymmetry due to line clearance pruning;
- Comparing the costs, benefits, values, and hazards of different methods of right-of-way management for both power transmission lines and pipelines;

- Assessing wildlife and plant communities' response to various right-of-way management protocols, to include the development of a "portable" research protocol that would allow consistent evaluation of various vegetation management techniques across multiple sites.

TREE Fund does *not* fund the following types of projects, and will not accept applications for such work:

- Projects that are primarily municipal tree surveys or assessments;
- Tree planting programs;
- Studies of individual tree species for the primary purpose of agricultural or timber/forest planting yield;
- Commercial tree- or soil-related product testing primarily for the benefit of the company that manufactures the product.

## **RIGHTS AND PERMISSIONS**

Before submitting a proposal, applicants must contact cooperating partners, including but not limited to (as applicable) State natural resource agency personnel, utility companies, federal biologists and resource managers, and relevant local landowners, to discuss the proposed project and ensure that the work can be conducted if funded (e.g., utility rights-of-way may be accessed, necessary samples can be collected, required permits can be obtained, staff safety training can be conducted and certified as required by the utility, etc.) Affirmation of support of partners must be provided with the application. All necessary state, federal, and local permits, as well as landowner permission, must be received and documented prior to project initiation. Note: A UARF-funded integrated vegetation management (IVM) project directed by Sonoma State University is currently underway on four Northern California utility rights-of-way controlled by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) and/or Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). These test plots may be available for new 2018 UARF research; for information about these locations and any required clearances from PG&E/SMUD, contact TREE Fund President and CEO J. Eric Smith at [jesmith@treefund.org](mailto:jesmith@treefund.org).

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

TREE Fund will accept applications only between January 17 and March 15, 2018. To apply, send an email containing a *brief* (no more than 100 words) description of your project title and concept to [treefund@treefund.org](mailto:treefund@treefund.org). TREE Fund staff will confirm eligibility for consideration, and if your concept qualifies, will send you a numbered application form for your use.

Upon completion of this application form, you will save a Word version for your records, then create a PDF version of the completed document with title in the format "PI Surname, Grant Program, Application Number" (e.g. "Smith, UARF, #17-023"), and email it as an attachment to [treefund@treefund.org](mailto:treefund@treefund.org) with a PDF of PI and Co-PI (if applicable) CVs. Staff will confirm receipt of your application at that time.

In addition to contact and CV information for the PI, Co-PI(s), and any student assistants, applicants will need the following information to complete the form. **Note well that word**

**count limits are firm and absolute.** Exceeding word counts may result in your application being rejected before review. Applicants should compose their text in Word or related systems that allow counts to be confirmed before they are placed in the application form.

### **Project Description:**

- **Overall Project Summary, Including Overarching Goals (400 Words Maximum):** A brief statement of the current issue/problem and its impact on arboriculture, urban forestry, and the professions that are involved with researching, planning, designing, growing, planting, managing and/or otherwise maintaining urban trees; and goals of the proposed research.
- **Description of Measurable Outputs/Outcomes (250 Words Maximum):** Include a list of the tangible outputs (publications, extension/outreach materials, posters, etc.) from this project and identify up to five measurable outcomes (real changes in day-to-day urban forest design or management) that are expected to result from work proposed.
- **Current Knowledge/Past Research in Project Area (1,000 Words Maximum, excluding in-text literature citations as described at the end of this section):** Description of what is known about the problem/project area and with reference to previous attempts to address it where appropriate; a review of literature and past experiences of the investigative team.
- **Project Work Plan (1,500 Words Maximum):** Clearly define the scope of the work to be performed, including hypotheses, design, methodology and analyses. Any anticipated proprietary elements of proposed research must be identified clearly in the initial application. Should applications fail to make such declarations, TREE Fund reserves the right to negotiate royalties from patents, sales, copyrights, or other commercial results of funded research.
- **Dissemination Plans (300 Words Maximum):** A brief description of activities and outlets used to share the results of this project. Be sure communications with both academic and practitioner communities are addressed.
- **Literature Cited:** It may be useful to refer reviewers to previous work published elsewhere. In such cases, cite appropriate works in your text in “Author(s), year” format (e.g. “Smith, 2014” or “Jones et.al., 2003”), then list citations alphabetically by first author’s last name.

### **Budget Elements, Including:**

- Institutional Compensation, Stipends and Benefits
- Travel and Transportation
- Equipment (e.g. Vehicles, Growth Chambers, Etc.)
- Other Materials and Supplies (e.g. Paper, Ink, Etc.)
- Contract Labor (Consultants, Speakers, Etc.)
- Institutional Overhead (Maximum 10%)
- Other/Miscellaneous
- Cash or In-Kind Funding from Other Sources (Minimum 10%; unrecovered institutional overhead may be applied to meet this minimum)

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

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- Qualifications of the investigative team: 10 points
- Potential impact of the project: 25 points
- Approach: 35 points
- Dissemination plan: 10 points
- Feasibility: 15 points
- Discretionary: 5 points.
- **Total Maximum Possible Score: 100 points.**

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## AWARD PROCESS AND FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

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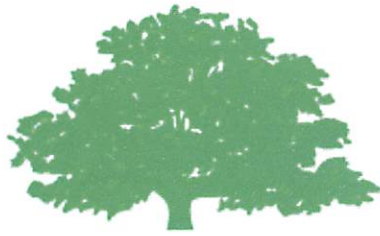
## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

It is TREE Fund's and UAA's explicit desire that research findings eventually be freely and widely available to any and all parties who may benefit from the author's work. At the same time, TREE Fund and UAA recognize the importance of academic and professional journal publications and will work with grant recipients to ensure that findings are disseminated in a manner that is cognizant of all parties' schedules and needs. Recipients should inform TREE Fund when funded research findings are published or presented at conferences so that these accomplishments can be widely publicized. Recipients should also recognize the support provided by TREE Fund in their articles or presentations related to the funded project. Recipients are strongly encouraged to publish findings to relevant professional journals, i.e. *UAA Newslines*, *Arboriculture and Urban Forestry*, *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening*, *Arboricultural Journal*, *Trees: Structure and Function*, *Journal*

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## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**2018 SAFE ARBORIST TECHNIQUES FUND GRANTS**  
Applications Accepted: January 17 through March 15, 2018  
Grant Value: \$5,000 to \$10,000 each

**INTRODUCTION**

The Safe Arborist Techniques Fund (SATF) is a joint program of Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) and International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), established in 2015 to support research and development and technology transfer on the techniques and equipment that arborists use in climbing, rigging, and working on trees; and the means of identifying potential hazards, to provide a safer working environment. Grant-funded projects are expected to be completed within two years of initial fund disbursement. The maximum award value of SATF grants is \$10,000.

Safety is a major concern to practicing arborists, especially as incomplete knowledge of potential hazards can be a life-or-death issue for both tree workers and the public they serve. Detection and prevention of structural degradation of trees via decay and other factors are especially important. However, practitioners face additional challenges when working in sites with live utility wires and whenever their work requires leaving the ground to attend to problem areas. Thus, research leading to improved equipment and work practices is also a high priority.

TREE Fund does *not* fund the following types of projects, and will not accept applications for such work:

- Projects that are primarily municipal tree surveys or assessments;
- Tree planting programs;
- Studies of individual tree species for the primary purpose of agricultural or timber/forest planting yield;
- Commercial tree- or soil-related product testing primarily for the benefit of the company that manufactures the product.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

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Upon completion of this application form, you will save a Word version for your records, then create a PDF version of the completed document with title in the format "PI Surname, Grant Program, Application Number" (e.g. "Smith, SATF, #17-023"), and email it as an attachment to [treefund@treefund.org](mailto:treefund@treefund.org) with a PDF of PI and Co-PI (if applicable) CVs. Staff will confirm receipt of your application at that time.

In addition to contact and CV information for the PI, Co-PI(s), and any student assistants, applicants will need the following information to complete the form. **Note well that word count limits are firm and absolute.** Exceeding word counts may result in your application being rejected before review. Applicants should compose their text in Word or related systems that allow counts to be confirmed before they are placed in the application form.

### Project Description:

- **Overall Project Summary, Including Overarching Goals (400 Words Maximum):** A brief statement of the current issue/problem and its impact on arboriculture, urban forestry, and the professions that are involved with researching, planning, designing, growing, planting, managing and/or otherwise maintaining urban trees; and goals of the proposed research.
- **Description of Measurable Outputs/Outcomes (250 Words Maximum):** Include a list of the tangible outputs (publications, extension/outreach materials, posters, etc.) from this project and identify up to five measurable outcomes (real changes in day-to-day urban forest design or management) that are expected to result from work proposed.
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### **Budget Elements, Including:**

- Institutional Compensation, Stipends and Benefits
- Travel and Transportation
- Equipment (e.g. Vehicles, Growth Chambers, Etc.)
- Other Materials and Supplies (e.g. Paper, Ink, Etc.)
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### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

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### **AWARD PROCESS AND FUNDS DISTRIBUTION**

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2018 HYLAND R. JOHNS GRANT PROGRAM

Applications Accepted: January 17 through March 15, 2018

Grant Value: \$25,000 to \$50,000 each

### INTRODUCTION

Established in 1995 to honor one of the leaders in the arboriculture industry and a founder of the ISA Research Trust, the Hyland R. Johns Grant Program funds longer term research and technology transfer projects that have the potential of benefiting the everyday work of arborists. Projects are expected to be completed within three to five years, with a maximum award value of \$50,000. No project may receive more than one award from this program.

### TREE FUND RESEARCH PRIORITIES

TREE Fund's current research priorities include the following areas of professional interest; proposals outside of these core areas must clearly and explicitly identify why TREE Fund consideration of the requested scopes of work is warranted:

- **Root and soil management:** Many urban tree problems originate below ground. Promoting root development, protecting roots from injury, managing conflicts with infrastructure, improving existing soil, and/or use of other media for root growth are issues that arborists encounter regularly.
- **Tree planting and establishment:** Methods of ensuring survival and vigorous growth of trees after planting are of concern to arborists and the entire green industry. Arborists are increasingly dealing with problems that originate in or could be avoided during the planting process.
- **Plant health care:** Healthy plants have more effective defense systems, are better able to resist pests, and often require less life-time investment of resources for successful performance in the field. Improved understanding of natural and anthropogenic factors that impact plant health is most likely to lead to new pest/pathogen management strategies for use in the field.
- **Risk assessment and worker safety:** Safety is a major concern to practicing arborists, especially as incomplete knowledge of potential hazards can be a life-or-death issue for both tree workers and the public they serve. Detection and prevention of structural degradation

of trees via decay and other factors are especially important. However, practitioners face additional challenges when working in sites with live utility wires and whenever their work requires leaving the ground to attend to problem areas. Thus, research leading to improved equipment and work practices is also a high priority.

- **Urban and community forest management:** Trees offer significant economic and health benefits to their home communities, and maximizing these benefits requires an improved understanding of how urban forest ecosystems function, how they should be managed, and how they interact with people in communities and at the urban/rural interface.

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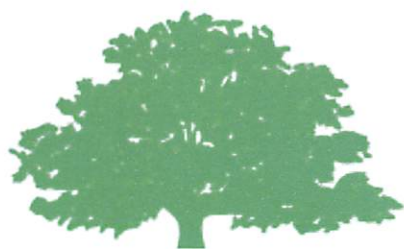
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## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS 2018 TREE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications Accepted: January 17 through March 15, 2018  
Scholarship Values: \$2,000 to \$5,000 each

### INTRODUCTION

As part of its charitable mission, Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) offers scholarships to students pursuing degrees and careers in arboriculture, urban forestry and related disciplines. In 2018, TREE Fund will be offering scholarships within the following programs; please visit [treefund.org/scholarships](http://treefund.org/scholarships) to learn more about the industry pioneers and leaders whose names and work inspired these programs:

- **Robert Felix Memorial Scholarships (\$5,000):** National program for current college students pursuing a career in commercial arboriculture, entering the second year of a two-year program or entering the third or fourth year of a four-year program at an accredited undergraduate institution, 3.0 GPA minimum, current student member of the International Society of Arboriculture.
- **Bonnie Appleton Memorial Scholarships (\$5,000):** National program for current college students pursuing a career in urban forestry, arboriculture, horticulture, or nursery management, enrolled as a junior or senior throughout the scholarship award year at an accredited undergraduate institution in the United States or entering the second year of a two-year program, 3.0 GPA minimum, Current student member of the International Society of Arboriculture.
- **Horace M. Thayer Scholarships (\$3,000):** Program for residents of Pennsylvania or Delaware (may be attending school elsewhere) who are returning to the second year of a two- or four-year program at an accredited college or university and be currently enrolled in a major, minor, option, or program of arboriculture, horticulture, forestry, or urban forestry, 2.5 GPA minimum.
- **Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarships (\$3,000):** Program for residents of Pennsylvania or Delaware (may be attending school elsewhere) who are female, returning to the second year of a two- or four-year program at an accredited college or university and be currently enrolled in a major, minor, option, or program of arboriculture, horticulture, forestry, or urban forestry, 2.5 GPA minimum.

- **John Wright Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000):** National program for high school or college students pursuing a career in the commercial arboriculture industry, entering or returning student at an accredited undergraduate institution in the United States, 3.0 GPA minimum, United States citizen, employed at least part-time.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

TREE Fund will accept applications only between January 17 and March 15, 2018. To apply, send an email containing a *brief* (no more than 100 words) introduction of yourself (e.g. name, school, year, expected graduation date, and applicable work information) to [treefund@treefund.org](mailto:treefund@treefund.org). TREE Fund staff will confirm eligibility for consideration, and if you qualify, will send you a numbered application form for your use. You may apply for more than one TREE Fund Scholarship on a single application form, indicating the scholarship programs for which you qualify.

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- Educational standing and enrollment status
- History of scholarships and extracurricular activities
- Essay describing your reasons for pursuing your chosen career, your goals and objectives, and why you should be chosen for this scholarship (maximum 1000 words)
- Current transcript
- Proof of student membership in the International Society of Arboriculture
- Two letters of recommendation or contact information for people who will provide them (one must be from your academic advisor)

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

TREE Fund is particularly interested in having its scholarship recipients begin and remain in careers in arboriculture, urban forestry, or related green industries. Applicant essays should provide TREE Fund with a sense of the student’s career aspirations and plans within these industries, and academic, work and extracurricular activities should reflect commitment toward this goal.

Applications will be evaluated by TREE Fund’s Education Committee. Members of this committee will rate applications using the following rubric:

- Cumulative GPA: 20 points
- Essay: 30 points
- Advisor Letter of Recommendation: 20 points
- Second Letter of Recommendation: 15 points
- Potential for continuing career in arboriculture, urban forestry, or related fields: 15 points
- **Total Maximum Possible Score: 100 points.**

Recommendations on scholarship awards will be presented to the TREE Fund Board of Trustees in May 2018 and will be announced within two weeks of their decision.

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## **AWARD NOTIFICATION AND FUND DISTRIBUTION**

Recipients will be notified within two weeks of the TREE Fund Board of Trustees' award decision. The award letter will include instructions on submitting acceptance information for the scholarship award. Upon TREE Fund's receipt of the acceptance information, payment will be provided to the institution.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Hi everyone,

Please see details below regarding an upcoming invasive species workshop that may be of interest to your RCD:

### **Knocking Out Noxious Weeds on Rangelands Workshop**

Join the fight to reduce noxious weeds on rangelands and get the latest management tools at the final Knocking Out Noxious Weeds Workshop set for February 20 at the Raddison Hotel in Santa Maria.

The workshop is designed for ranchers and land managers, and features a dynamic list of speakers covering a range of land management topics associated with invasive species.

The workshops will:

- Showcase effective strategies to manage invasive species;
- Highlight cost-effective approaches that maximize success;
- Feature reduced-risk practices while promoting biodiversity; and
- Discuss the economic losses caused by invasive species on rangelands.

**For complete agenda and to register please visit <http://knockoutweeds.com/Santa-Maria.html>.** For questions please contact Matthew Shapero, UC Cooperative Extension Livestock & Range advisor serving Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, [mwkshapero@ucanr.edu](mailto:mwkshapero@ucanr.edu), 805-645-1475.

Thank you,

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