

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

SOLUTIONS FROM THE ROOTS UP

July 1, 1998

CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street,  
Suite 1155  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Regarding: Ecosystem Restoration Projects and Programs - Local Watershed Stewardship Proposal**

Dear Program Staff:

Please accept ten (10) copies of the enclosed Local Watershed Stewardship proposal from the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. We request support for the establishment of a Local Projects Funding Coordinator focusing on obtaining grant funding for local, community-based Bay-Delta and Sacramento Valley RCDs to implement "on-the-ground" restoration projects that reduce stressors on primary tier species.

We have made every effort to follow all instructions for proposal format and content contained in the May, 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package, with particular attention to staying within the prescribed page limits. We understand, based on recent discussions with CALFED staff, that formal federal or state funding application forms are not needed for this submittal.

We believe that CALFED's mission and that of the CARCD are very similar—protection of valuable natural resources. RCDs are eager to demonstrate their abilities to collaborate with other local agencies and implement projects that can immediately reduce aquatic and riparian stressors at the community level. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please call me at (916) 447-7237.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wehri  
Executive Director

Attachment H

COVER SHEET (PAGE 1 of 2)

May 1998 CALFED ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROPOSAL SOLICITATION

Proposal Title: Local Projects Funding Coordinator  
 Applicant Name: California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
 Mailing Address: 801 K Street, Suite 1318, Sacramento, CA 95814  
 Telephone: (916) 447-7237  
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Amount of funding requested: \$ 255,930 for 2 years

Indicate the Topic for which you are applying (check only one box). Note that this is an important decision: see page    of the Proposal Solicitation Package for more information.

- Fish Passage Assessment
- Floodplain and Habitat Restoration
- Fish Harvest
- Watershed Planning/Implementation
- Fish Screen Evaluations - Alternatives and Biological Priorities
- Fish Passage Improvements
- Gravel Restoration
- Species Life History Studies
- Education

Indicate the geographic area of your proposal (check only one box):

- Sacramento River Mainstem
- Delta
- Suisun Marsh and Bay
- San Joaquin River Mainstem
- Landscape (entire Bay-Delta watershed)
- Sacramento Tributary: \_\_\_\_\_
- East Side Delta Tributary: \_\_\_\_\_
- San Joaquin Tributary: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- North Bay: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the primary species which the proposal addresses (check no more than two boxes):

- San Joaquin and East-side Delta tributaries fall-run chinook salmon
- Winter-run chinook salmon
- Late-fall run chinook salmon
- Delta smelt
- Splittail
- Green sturgeon
- Migratory birds
- Spring-run chinook salmon
- Fall-run chinook salmon
- Longfin smelt
- Steelhead trout
- Striped bass

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Indicate the type of applicant (check only one box):

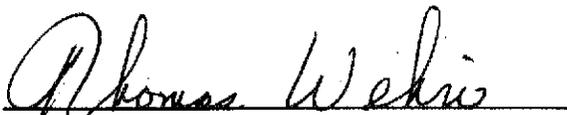
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local government/district       | <input type="checkbox"/> Private party         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |

Indicate the type of project (check only one box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implementation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research   |  |

By signing below, the applicant declares the following:

- (1) the truthfulness of all representations in their proposal;
- (2) the individual signing the form is entitled to submit the application on behalf of the applicant (if applicant is an entity or organization); and
- (3) the person submitting the application has read and understood the conflict of interest and confidentiality discussion in the PSP (Section II.K) and waives any and all rights to privacy and confidentiality of the proposal on behalf of the applicant, to the extent as provided in the Section.



(Signature of Applicant)

**II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**a. Project Title and Applicant Name**

Project: Local Projects Funding Coordinator

Applicant: California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

**b. Project Description and Primary Biological/Ecological Objectives**

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) is requesting \$255,930 for two years of funding for a Local Projects Funding Coordinator (Coordinator). The Coordinator would help Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) identify needs and prepare project proposals for funding to reduce stressors on primary species while fostering watershed stewardship.

**c. Approach/Tasks/Schedule**

Six tasks characterize the approach to be used by the Coordinator. The key element of the approach is to aggressively match resource protection needs to obtain grant funding for on-the-ground projects that reduce aquatic and riparian stressors. Overall, these tasks include:

- Task 1: Create a comprehensive database of funding sources;
- Task 2: Meet with RCD directors and staff to identify needed projects;
- Task 3: Compare project information to funding source priorities and match fundable projects to sources;
- Task 4: Develop grant application strategies in consultation with RCDs, landowners, and local agency cooperators;
- Task 5: Assist RCDs in preparing grant applications; and
- Task 6: Prepare quarterly and final reports.

The Coordinator position would be funded for two years. Task 1, creation of a funding source database, would be completed by the end of month 3 of the contract, but updated quarterly for the remainder of the contract period. Tasks 2 through 6 would be performed on an as-needed basis for months 3 through 24 of the contract period in order to effectively respond to grant opportunities.

**d. Justification for Project and Funding by CALFED**

RCDs can implement Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP) projects on-the-ground and provide local environmental knowledge, experience, and political outreach support. Created by state statute to assist landowners and government agencies with conservation, RCDs have over 50 years of experience implementing conservation practices and fostering positive relationships with local agricultural and environmental interests. Applying similar restoration practices and accessing these relationships will be essential elements in CALFED's strategy for implementing the ERPP objective for agricultural lands (ERPP March 1998 vol. 1, pg. 121). RCDs can also continue implementing NRCS "Conservation Practice Standard" best management practices that can help meet ERPP "Contaminants" stressor reduction targets (ERPP March 1998; Vol. II, page 62, Target 1), given adequate funding. Because of recent

reductions in local funding, RCDs need support to implement agricultural land management and stressor reduction projects. The Coordinator supported through this proposal would aggressively pursue grants for RCDs. These grants would directly fund projects consistent with ERPP objectives and targets. Furthermore, they would indirectly help CALFED by investing in local community relationships, building trust, and creating goodwill as ERPP implementation proceeds.

**e. Budget Costs and Third Party Impacts**

The Budget for the Coordinator is \$255,930. There will be no adverse third party impacts. Assisting RCDs in obtaining grants will benefit landowners, and local and rural communities by investing in "on-the-ground" habitat restoration projects, increasing local awareness of ERPP implementation objectives, and strengthening RCDs for future conservation work.

**f. Applicant Qualifications**

The CARCD is a non-profit government agency with 501(c)(3) tax status created locally under the authority of Division 9 of the Public Resources Code. It serves California RCDs as a statewide coordinator. The CARCD administers grants to RCDs from the Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and other sources. The CARCD is well qualified to manage the Coordinator position and ensure that ERPP restoration objectives are pursued.

**g. Monitoring and Data Evaluation**

The CARCD will train and generally supervise the Coordinator based on her/his ability to develop positive relationships with RCDs, advance project grant applications that reduce stressors on aquatic habitat and species, encourage RCD collaboration, and help RCDs apply for grants.

**h. Local Support/Coordination with Other Programs/Compatibility with CALFED objectives**

This Coordinator proposal has been written in response to requests from several California RCDs who have requested assistance in pursuing more funding. The CARCD will coordinate its implementation with the California Conservation Partnership that includes 14 State, 6 Federal, and 3 other agency cooperators. The Coordinator will focus her/his efforts on obtaining grant funding for implementation projects that achieve CALFED objectives and targets for agricultural lands and Delta contaminant stressor reductions in part or all of 18 Delta and Sacramento Valley counties.

# RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDING COORDINATOR

**Applicant:** California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)

**Principle Investigator:** Tom Wehri

**Affiliation:** Executive Director of CARCD

**Address:** 801 K Street, Suite 1318  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Phone/Fax:** (916) 447-7237/(916) 447-2532

**e-mail:** carcd@ns.net

**Type of Organization:** Non-profit

**Tax Status:** 501(c)(3)

**Tax Identification No:** 94-1553749

**Contractor License No:** n/a

**Collaborators in Implementation:**

- Bay-Delta and Sacramento Valley Area RCDs (24)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- California Department of Conservation
- California Conservation Partnership:

Federal:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Farm Services Agency
- USDA Forest Service
- USDI Bureau of Reclamation
- USDI Bureau of Land Management

State:

- California Air Resources Board
- California Conservation Corps
- California Coastal Commission
- California Coastal Conservancy
- California Energy Commission
- Department of Boating and Waterways
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Food and Agriculture
- Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Resources Agency
- Department of Water Resources
- Water Resources Control Board
- Department of Pesticide Regulation

Other:

- County Supervisors Association of California
- University of California, Div. of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

#### **IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

##### **a. Project Description and Approach**

This proposal requests support of a Local Projects Funding Coordinator (Coordinator) for two years. The Coordinator would report to the Executive Director of the CARCD. The goal is to obtain grant funding to support locally-led habitat restoration, watershed planning, erosion control, water quality, and similar "on-the-ground" projects that help meet ERPP implementation objectives and targets in the Delta and Sacramento Valley. The Coordinator would work with RCDs to identify projects that help meet several Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP) Implementation Objectives and Targets.

##### **b. Proposed Scope of Work**

There are no incremental phases, but the Coordinator will perform six discrete tasks in working with local community RCDs. A brief review of the supporting subtasks, deliverables, schedule—in months after contract award—and budget is provided below.

##### Task 1. Funding Source Database

###### Subtasks (schedule):

- Create a funding source database with information on public and private sources of funding for habitat restoration, water quality, watershed planning, and related environmental programs consistent with ERPP objectives and targets (months 1-3). \$10,584
- Update and maintain funding source database with current information on funding cycle, points of contact, etc. (months 4-23). \$23,990

###### Deliverable:

- Comprehensive Funding Source Database (months 4 and 24).  
**Subtotal Task: \$34,574**

##### Task 2. RCD Meetings

###### Subtasks:

- Meet with directors and/or staff from 24 RCDs to identify candidate projects for funding (months 2-23). \$44,755
- Document meetings (months 2-23). \$8,468

###### Deliverable:

- Candidate project files and meeting notes (month 24).  
**Subtotal Task: \$53,222**

##### Task 3. Funding Source Screening

###### Subtasks:

- Enter candidate project information into funding source database (months 2-23). \$8,467
- Match project benefits with benefits sought by funding source and ERPP objectives/targets (months 2-23). \$8,467
- Identify potential funding sources for candidate projects (months 2-23). \$14,918

- Develop short list of potential funding source for supporting RCD projects (months 2-23). \$14,918

Deliverable:

- Short list of potential funding sources (months 2-23).

**Subtotal Task: \$46,771**

Task 4. CARCD Coordination Meetings

Subtasks:

- Develop preliminary strategies for preparing grant applications for candidate RCD projects (months 2-23). \$7,459
- Develop potential RCD teaming arrangements (months 2-23). \$7,459
- Meet with CARCD Executive Director to evaluate and determine fundable strategies and teaming arrangements for grants (months 2-23). \$14,918

Deliverable:

- List of grants and teaming arrangements to pursue (months 2-23).

**Subtotal Task: \$29,837**

Task 5. Support RCD Grant Applications

Subtasks:

- Obtain grant application packages for RCDs (months 2-23). \$4,234
- Deliver packages to RCDs and assist staff in completing application/proposal outlines (months 2-23). \$14,918
- Develop and manage grant application preparation and submittal schedule (months 2-23). \$7,459
- Provide executive review of grant applications (months 2-23). \$7,459

Deliverables:

- Twenty-four grant application packages and comments (months 2-24).

**Subtotal Task: \$34,070**

Task 6. Prepare Quarterly and Final Reports

Subtasks:

- Prepare eight quarterly reports. \$14,297
- Prepare final report. \$19,891

Deliverable:

- Eight quarterly reports (months 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24).
- Final Report (month 24).

**Subtotal Task: \$34,188**

**SUBTOTAL COORDINATOR: \$232,662**

**CARCD LABOR, SALARY, BENEFITS, AND OVERHEAD: \$ 23,268**

**TOTAL \$255,930**

**c. Geographic Boundaries**

The Bay-Delta and Sacramento Valley Areas were named for the watersheds they encompass. Part or all of the following counties would be served by the Coordinator (Attachment 1; at the end of this proposal):

Alameda	Marin	San Francisco	Solano	Yolo
Colusa	Merced	San Joaquin	Stanislaus	Yuba.
Contra Costa	Napa	Santa Clara	Sutter	
Glenn	Sacramento	Shasta	Tehama	

**d. Expected Benefits**

Species, Stressors, and Habitat Addressed

The Coordinator will focus on obtaining grants to implement "on-the-ground" restoration projects that would benefit Delta Smelt and Winter-run Chinook Salmon as indicated in Table 1.

<b>Table 1. Species, Stressors, and Grant Strategies for Achieving ERPP Objectives</b>		
<b>Species</b>	<b>Stressor</b>	<b>Grant Strategies</b>
Delta Smelt	Channel Form Changes - Loss of Existing Riparian Zone or Lack of Regeneration Potential.	Identify sources and pursue funds to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accentuate riparian forest buffer plantings as rehabilitation.</li> <li>• Promote noxious weed management and prescribed grazing land use changes.</li> <li>• Increase recruitment of landowners in conservation easement programs.</li> </ul>
Delta Smelt	Water Quality - Contaminants	Identify sources and pursue funds to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct wetlands as natural filtration basins.</li> <li>• Establish riparian filter strips on grazed lands.</li> <li>• Develop alternative water sources to attract livestock away from streams.</li> <li>• Reduce pesticide use near streams (e.g., spray restriction zones).</li> </ul>
Winter-Run Chinook Salmon	Water Quality - Contaminants	Identify sources and pursue funds to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce Delta pesticide applications.</li> <li>• Conduct field trials on alternative, biodegradable pesticides in the Delta.</li> <li>• Enroll more farmers in conservation easements along sensitive riparian zones.</li> </ul>

Source: CALFED Bay-Delta Program Proposal Solicitation Package. May 1998. Ecosystem Restoration Projects and Programs, pages 74, 75, 76, 79, 80, 85, 87.

Primary Benefits - Ecosystem Restoration Objectives

The use of these funds for "on-the-ground" projects can accelerate local aquatic and riparian improvements that can achieve incremental primary benefits to the AFRP and CVPIA through reduced stressors. Many local RCDs in the Delta and Sacramento Valley have tentatively identified projects that can reduce riparian and water quality-related stressors.

Secondary Benefits - Non Ecosystem Restoration Objectives

By providing a meaningful level of funding for the Coordinator position, CALFED will be sending a message that equates to respect and financial support for local knowledge, experience, and responsibility in implementing projects that will

achieve ERPP objectives. Meaningful funding can also be used to enhance the local community's future ability to deliver CALFED program elements - either projects or outreach messages. As CALFED enters subsequent program phases, the benefit of the lasting effect of local support and participation will be valuable.

**e. Background and Ecological/Biological/Technical Justification**

Need for the Funding Coordinator

RCDs are well-suited to serve as local leaders for implementing community-based habitat restoration projects. RCD directors and staff are local landowners with intimate, long-term familiarity with environmental issues. They can immediately contribute local expertise in identifying needed projects consistent with CALFED's ERPP objectives. Because of over twenty years of funding limitations, they are also proficient at cost-effectively mobilizing volunteer efforts, community collaborations, and other interest groups in implementing habitat conservation.

Other Similar Programs

The University of California, Davis and California State University, Chico offer services to several interest groups. Services range from economic development to social and environmental issues. Because of these multiple commitments, neither of these programs offer the level of attention or focused approach that a Coordinator would provide for RCDs. The Coordinator would remain focused on obtaining funding for implementation projects that achieve ERPP Objectives.

Basis for Achievement of Benefits

RCDs have worked directly with landowners in implementing NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (i.e., best management practices) for the past 50 years. Implementing these practices on the ground, such as those shown in Table 1, above will help meet the ERPP Implementation Objectives and Targets indicated in Table 2, on the next page.

Primary benefits to Tier 1 species may take several years to detect based on implementation of best management practices that reduce agricultural and contaminant-related stressors. However, as RCDs win grants, implement projects, and reduce nonpoint source loadings, the strength of their partnership with CALFED agencies will increase. As this strength increases, local participation will increase, and local benefits to aquatic and riparian species will increase. The durability of local, community-based benefits will increase as locally-led restoration funding increases.

Status of the Project

The CARCD serves RCDs by acting as a statewide coordinator of their activities. One of the CARCD's most important roles is to use our position as a coordinator to help RCDs obtain direct funding to support conservation projects. The Coordinator would be a new position.

<b>Table 2. ERPP Implementation Objectives and Targets to be Addressed by Local Projects Funding Coordinator</b>		
<b>ERPP Section and reference</b>	<b>Implementation Objective</b>	<b>Target</b>
Agricultural Lands: ERPP Vol. I, page 121 Vol. II, page 215/216	Co-manage agricultural upland and wetland habitat...for wintering and migratory waterfowl...and other wildlife in the Delta.	40,000 to 75,000 acres...co-managed for agriculture and wildlife in the ...Delta Ecological Zone  Cooperatively manage 111,285 acres of agricultural lands.
Contaminants ERPP Vol. I, page 330 Vol. II, page 62 Vol. II, page 110 Vol. II, page 216	Reduce concentrations, and loading of contaminants in the aquatic environment and...bioaccumulation...by aquatic species.	Reduce loading and bioaccumulation...to levels that do not impair other efforts to restore...fish and wildlife populations.
Riparian and Shaded Riverine Aquatic Habitats ERPP Vol. II, page 106	Restore riparian...habitat along nonvegetated Delta levees, the Sacramento River...and major tributaries.	Restore 10 to 15 linear miles of riparian habitat along riparian scrub and shrub vegetation in each ecological unit.
Upper Watershed Processes ERPP Vol. II, page 184	Restore ecological processes ...to maintain and improve ... water flowing...into...the Delta and San Francisco Bay.	Restore the upper watershed processes.

#### **f. Monitoring and Data Evaluation**

The Coordinator will be held to strict performance and accountability standards. These standards may include, but not be limited to:

- Number of projects that directly reduce Delta Smelt and Winter-run Chinook Salmon stressors;
- Number of funding sources entered, and periodically updated in the funding source database;
- Number of grant applications/proposals submitted with RCDs; and
- Number of projects funded.

The CARCD Executive Director will evaluate Coordinator performance consistent with the CARCD mission and consistency of identified projects with CALFED's Near-Term Implementation Strategy. Each funded project will have its own monitoring requirements as needed.

#### **g. Implementability**

The CARCD is confident that a well-qualified Coordinator can be identified. There would be no conflicts with existing laws or regulations, including CEQA and NEPA. No permits, easements, or other environmental reviews are needed. The CARCD recently held meetings where RCD directors were eager to help implement CALFED objectives, but identified funding as a major concern. The concept of a Coordinator was discussed at these meetings. RCD directors agreed to support a Coordinator to improve the program delivery functions CARCD performs for RCDs.

## V. COSTS AND SCHEDULE TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSED PROJECT

### a. Budget Costs

Budget costs are provided in Table 3. Direct labor hours, salary, benefits and overhead labor refer to the Executive Director of the CARCD. Service contracts refer to the Coordinator. The subcontract bid evaluation process will be guided by California Government Code Sections 4525 through 4528, with the selection of a Coordinator made by a committee of representatives from three to five major collaborating federal and state agencies. Incremental funding would not be effective. No cost-share partners have been identified. RCD directors and staff serve as volunteers and regularly provide valuable in-kind services and time.

Project Phase and Task	Direct Labor Hours	Direct Salary and Benefits	Overhead Labor (G&A and fee)	Service Contracts	Material and Acquis'n Contracts	Miscell and Other Direct Costs	Total Cost
Task 1	72	\$2,423	\$485	\$34,574	NA	None	\$37,482
Task 2	104	\$3,500	\$701	\$53,222	NA	None	\$57,424
Task 3	72	\$2,423	\$485	\$46,771	NA	None	\$49,679
Task 4	192	\$6,462	\$1,295	\$29,837	NA	None	\$37,594
Task 5	64	\$2,154	\$431	\$34,070	NA	None	\$36,655
Task 6	72	\$2,423	\$485	\$34,188	NA	None	\$37,096
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,385</b>	<b>\$3,882</b>	<b>\$232,663</b>	NA	None	<b>\$255,930</b>

### b. Schedule Milestones

Key schedule milestones include the completion of the funding database at the end of month 3 (although it will be maintained and updated throughout the contract period). The remainder of the tasks, including meetings with RCD directors and staff, development and preparation and assistance with grant applications will occur throughout the contract period. Eight quarterly reports and one final report will be provided. Please refer to the task descriptions in the Proposed Scope of Work, above, for specific costs and schedule by subtask. No tasks are separable. Payments would be due monthly.

### c. Third Party Impacts

Support for a Coordinator would have no adverse impacts to third parties. Federal and state agency support for the position, and for grantsmanship assistance to RCDs would strengthen CALFED's relationships with local communities and have beneficial impacts as habitat restoration and stressor reduction projects are awarded and implemented.

## VI. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

### Organization, Staff, and Other Resources

The Coordinator will report directly to the Executive Director of the CARCD. He/she will serve as a contractor to CARCD. The contractor will be responsible for all other resources, including facilities, equipment, all travel, clerical support,

photocopying, and other materials and supplies needed to perform the Coordinator tasks. CARCD office space and facilities will be used to the extent deemed appropriate by the Executive Director of CARCD at no additional cost to the state.

The CARCD will administer the contract, which will clearly describe the Coordinator's service role to local, community-led efforts by RCDs. The contract will stipulate that the primary objective of the agreement is to help RCDs obtain funding by matching needed local projects, ERPP objectives, and funding sources. The CARCD's role will be totally consistent with its ongoing service role to RCDs as described in our mission statement, on the next page.

#### Funding Coordinator Selection Process

California Government Code sections 4525 through 4528 will guide the Coordinator selection process. These sections require that agency heads contracting for environmental services use procedures assuring that such services are engaged on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the types of services to be performed and at fair and reasonable prices. The agency establishes selection criteria, reviews statements of qualifications, and enters into discussions with no less than three contractors for provision of the needed services. Based on the criteria, and the relative utility of alternative methods of approach elicited during the discussions, the agency head selects the most qualified service provider. For this position, the selection will be made by the CARCD Executive Director and a select committee of 3 to 5 collaborating agency representatives

#### Collaborating Agencies

The following organizations would cooperate with the establishment of a CARCD Funding Coordinator:

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service;
- California Department of Conservation;
- Twenty-four Resource Conservation RCDs in 18 Bay-Delta and Sacramento Valley counties; and
- The California Conservation Partnership that includes 14 State, 6 Federal, and 3 other agency cooperators.

#### Project Manager

Mr. Thomas Wehri, Executive Director of CARCD, will act as Project Manager. Mr. Wehri has over 20 years experience in leading natural resource programs with RCDs. As director of Arkansas \$26 million NRCS program, he led a strategic planning partnership effort that resulted in governors' budget recommendations for increasing RCD funding by 100 percent. He managed the \$250 million PL-566 Watershed and Emergency Program from 1991 to 1993, and has led numerous emergency disaster programs, including the 1993 midwest flood effort for NRCS and USDA. He is an expert in budget, program, and policy management, having worked for NRCS in California, Washington DC, Arkansas, and Idaho. Mr. Wehri's substantial public sector experience in natural resources management, water planning, policy analysis, and conflict resolution have provided him with the

knowledge and experience to effectively administer the Funding Coordinator position.

The CARCD is strongly positioned to administer the position of Funding Coordinator, and to provide this function as part of its ongoing service role to RCDs. The CARCD is a non profit corporation with 501 (c) (3) status. Funding for CARCD comes from membership dues, grand administration fees, and state and federal in-kind contributions. The CARCD Board of Directors and the RCD conservation partners have established the following mission statement for the association:

*"CARCD enhances resource conservation RCDs' effectiveness by offering unified representation and advocacy; by coordinating and supporting district activities; and by providing information, education, and training programs.*

*The Association is committed to RCDs' efforts to develop a land stewardship ethic that promotes long-term sustainability of the State's rich and diverse natural resource heritage."*

The CARCD administers several grants to RCDs for government agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Part of the CARCD's support services include assistance to RCDs operating under the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The CARCD maintains an endowment, the Conservation Fund, for assisting RCDs with special projects. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is another important partner of CARCD. The Total Resource Management Outreach Challenge Grant, one of only two awarded in 1994, has been funded by Reclamation for the last four years.

#### Conflicts of Interest

The CARCD has no conflicts of interest in contracting for the Coordinator's services. The competitive bid process and evaluation of candidates for the coordinator position will also identify potential conflicts of interest.

#### **VII. COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The contractor will be required to maintain full documentation of project work papers, including the funding coordination database, all meeting notes, final draft and final grant applications, telephone conversations, and other records to ensure that CARCD has a legally complete project file. The CARCD and contractor will otherwise comply with all applicable standard Federal and State contracting terms and conditions, including those guiding the Coordinator selection process from California Government Code sections 4525 through 4528.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS  
SERVED BY LOCAL PROJECTS FUNDING COORDINATOR**

- **Dash-outlined area indicates Coordinator's service area**
  - **Areas without numbers indicate no RCDs**

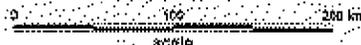
# California Resource Conservation Districts

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Alameda County              | 28. Fall River                   | 61. Panoche                   |
| 2. Alpine                      | 27. Feather River                | 62. Pitt                      |
| 3. Amador County               | 28. Frobaugh                     | 63. Placer County             |
| 4. Antelope Valley             | 29. Florin                       | 64. Placer-Shasta-Yuba        |
| 5. Butte                       | 30. Georgetown Divide            | 65. Pocono                    |
| 6. Buena Vista                 | 31. Glenn County                 | 66. Riverside-Corona          |
| 7. Butte Valley                | 32. Gold Ridge                   | 67. Rosedale-Rio Bravo        |
| 8. Calaveras                   | 33. Goose Lake                   | 68. San Benito                |
| 9. Central Modoc               | 34. Grassland                    | 69. San Joaquin Basin         |
| 10. Chowchilla-Red Top         | 35. Greater San Diego County     | 70. San Joaquin County        |
| 11. Coastal Valley             | 36. Guadalupe-Coyote             | 71. San Luis                  |
| 12. Coast Range                | 37. Guadalupe-Romero             | 72. San Mateo County          |
| 13. Coastal San Luis           | 38. Honey Lake Valley            | 73. Santa Cruz County         |
| 14. Columbia                   | 39. Humboldt County              | 74. Santa Monica Mountains    |
| 15. Colusa County              | 40. Imperial Irrigation District | 75. Shasta Valley             |
| 16. Contra Costa               | 41. Inland Empire West           | 76. Sierra                    |
| 17. Dixon                      | 42. Inyo-Mono                    | 77. Sierra Valley             |
| 18. East Lake                  | 43. Jopas                        | 78. Siskiyou                  |
| 19. East Maricopa              | 44. Kern Valley                  | 79. Siskiyou                  |
| 20. East Stanislaus            | 45. Lava Beds                    | 80. Sotoyoma                  |
| 21. East Valley                | 46. Loma Prieta                  | 81. Southern Sonoma County    |
| 22. Eastern Kern County        | 47. Los Banos                    | 82. Stanislaus                |
| 23. El Dorado County           | 48. Lower Cosumnes               | 83. Surprise Valley           |
| 24. Eschscholtz-Muirlands-Antz | 49. Madras                       | 84. Sutter County             |
| 25. Excalibur-Kings River      | 50. Marin County                 | 85. Tahoma                    |
|                                | 51. Mariposa County              | 86. Tehachapi                 |
|                                | 52. Mendocino County             | 87. Tehama County             |
|                                | 53. Modoc                        | 88. Transcality               |
|                                | 54. Mojave Desert                | 89. Trinity County            |
|                                | 55. Mono County                  | 90. Tulare County             |
|                                | 56. Monterey County              | 91. Tulare Lake               |
|                                | 57. Napa County                  | 92. Ulaia                     |
|                                | 58. Nevada                       | 93. Upper Siskiyou-Las Tablas |
|                                | 59. Nevada County                | 94. Upper San Luis Rey        |
|                                | 60. Palo Verde                   | 95. Ventura County            |
|                                |                                  | 96. Vina                      |
|                                |                                  | 97. West Lake                 |
|                                |                                  | 98. West Stanislaus           |
|                                |                                  | 99. Western Kern              |
|                                |                                  | 100. Western Shasta           |
|                                |                                  | 101. Westside                 |
|                                |                                  | 102. Yuba County              |
|                                |                                  | 103. Yuba County              |

## Areas of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

-  North Coast
-  Sierra Nevada Plateau
-  Central Sierra
-  High Desert
-  Southern California Basin
-  South Coast
-  Central Coast
-  Bay-Delta
-  San Joaquin Valley
-  Sacramento Valley
-  Unincorporated areas
-  County boundaries
-  RCD boundaries

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## California Resource Conservation Districts (Acreages Per District)

District	Acres
Alameda County	383,208
Alpine	303,765
Amador County	462,971
Antelope Valley	1,800,080
Bard	621,816
Buena Vista	220,663
Butte Valley	746,973
Cachuma	1,434,754
Central Modoc	1,029,500
Chowchilla-Red Top	285,328
Coachella Valley	1,546,620
Coarsegold	555,481
Coastal San Luis	476,610
Columbia	39,271
Colusa County	739,520
Contra Costa	486,017
Dixon	115,454
East Lake	348,864
East Merced	475,364
East Stanislaus	575,468
East Valley	441,516
Eastern Kern County	1,195,710
El Dorado County	638,187
Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza	533,161
Excelsior-Kings River	461,599
Fall River	1,175,370
Feather River	1,440,510
Firebaugh	84,708
Florin	97,301
Georgetown Divide	359,100
Glenn County	848,076
Gold Ridge	146,219
Goose Lake	429,923
Grassland	14,791
Greater San Diego County	1,944,320
Guadalupe-Coyote	356,892
Gustine-Romero	64,028
Honey Lake Valley	2,202,300
Humboldt County	2,295,520
Imperial Irrigation District	1,025,584
Inland Empire West	362,523
Inyo-Mono	7,510,740
James	24,547
Kern Valley	702,579
Lava Beds	611,292
Loma Prieta	314,906
Los Banos	340,549
Lower Cosumnes	140,897
Madera	343,090
Marin County	335,558
Mariposa County	934,764
Mendocino County	2,198,300

District	Acres
Mission	118,763
Mojave Desert	11,575,900
Mono County	1,038,800
Monterey County	2,121,430
Napa County	506,245
Navalencia	736,595
Nevada County	932,348
Palo Verde	2,154,220
Panoche	140,297
Pit	725,538
Placer County	849,512
Pond-Shafter-Wasco	395,450
Poso	50,885
Riverside-Corona	250,064
Rosedale-Rio Bravo	54,669
San Benito	732,988
San Jacinto Basin	482,528
San Joaquin County	913,041
San Luis	82,266
San Mateo County	183,401
Santa Cruz County	284,384
Santa Monica Mountains	117,715
Shasta Valley	1,791,830
Sierra	1,236,270
Sierra Valley	462,107
Siskiyou	1,177,320
Sloughhouse	206,524
Sotoyome-Santa Rosa	678,593
Southern Sonoma County	193,243
Suisun	91,073
Surprise Valley	507,366
Sutter County	389,609
Tahoe	253,518
Tehachapi	287,094
Tehama County	1,701,280
Tranquility	79,445
Trinity County	2,052,610
Tulare County	758,037
Tulare Lake	258,861
Utatis	146,968
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas	1,476,340
Upper San Luis Rey	276,484
Ventura County	1,059,750
Vina	126,855
West Lake	502,067
West Stanislaus	393,946
Western Kern	128,781
Western Shasta	1,709,830
Westside	1,016,630
Yolo County	507,609
Yuba County	411,909