



# GLENN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## **Glenn County RCD Recruits High School Students for Annual Speak-Off Contest!**

Recruiting all high school students!

Since 1987, the local Resource Conservation District (RCD) has offered an Annual Speak-Off Contest for High School students. Created by the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD), this contest is open to all Glenn County students in the 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade levels.

This year’s speech topic is **“How should Resource Conservation Districts serve and engage the entire community in conservation work?”**. Therefore, interested students may show off their talents by preparing a 3-5 minutes speech on the topic and provide their speech to an audience on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Speakers will first compete at the local level. The top speaker advances to the regional contest. Then the top regional speaker advances to the State contest. In addition to the possibility of advancing, Glenn County RCD offers a first-place prize of \$100, second-place prize of \$75, and third-place prize of \$50.

### **Speak-Off Contest Applications due to the Glenn County RCD office by October 9, 2020.**

Local competition will be held October 19th at 1 PM; location/online only TBD. The continuing contestant will speak at the Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs fall meeting TBD (*likely, Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>*), and finally, if chosen at the regional level, the speaker will have the opportunity to represent their school, RCD, and county at the CARCD annual meeting held online only November 12-24, 2020.

All high school students are encouraged to participate in this exciting RCD *Connects with Kids* challenge!

For further information, questions or to receive a Speak-Off Contest Application, visit [www.glenncountyrcd.org](http://www.glenncountyrcd.org) or call (530) 934-4601 x5. Contestants may also email [info@glenncountyrcd.org](mailto:info@glenncountyrcd.org) for a quicker response.

NOTE: Our office is closed to the public and staff is work remotely most of the time.

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Included in this packet are the following items:

1. Thank you 2020 Sponsors!
2. Application
3. Rules
4. Judge’s Worksheet
5. CARCD’s Flier

# 2020

Supporting Glenn County Resource Conservation District

## RCD Connects with Kids

# THANK YOU

### -Wild Watershed Sponsors-



### -Big Wave Sponsors-



### -Cool Splash Sponsors-



We missed you  
9th Annual  
Run Your Tail Off!  
Stay Safe & Healthy...  
see you in 2021!

**CARCD / GLENN COUNTY RCD  
HIGH SCHOOL SPEAK-OFF COMPETITION  
2020 APPLICATION FORM**

**Topic: "How should Resource Conservation Districts serve and engage the entire community in conservation work?"**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicant is under the age of 18, the phone number of a legal guardian MUST be included: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly state your interest in conservation, environmental, or agricultural practices:

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If the applicant is under the age of 18, a legal guardian must sign application:

Legal Guardian (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to the Glenn County RCD office by October 9, 2020**

***(hard-copy or emailed applications will be accepted)***

**Contest will be held October 19, 2020 – 1 p.m. – location/online TBD.**

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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
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CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

**2020 CARCD CONSERVATION EDUCATION SPEAK-OFF**

**TOPIC:**

**“How should Resource Conservation Districts serve and engage the entire community in conservation work?”**

**RULES:**

**Contestant Qualifications:**

- Must be a high school student, grades 9-12, at the time of state conference in November.
- Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.
- Must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
- Contestants **MUST** speak at the regional level to compete at the state level.

**Application Requirements:**

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- The application must include: name, address, phone number, school, grade, age, club affiliations, and a brief statement about interest or involvement in agriculture, conservation or environmental practices. Please see attached application.

**Speech Requirements:**

- Speaking order will be determined by drawing numbers.
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- The speaker shall **NOT** introduce themselves or state what school they represent. However, mentioning their county or area is allowed.
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- No props, costumes, or visual aids will be allowed at any level.
- The speech **MUST** include a link to Resource Conservation Districts.

**Judging:**

- There will be three judges and a timekeeper at the district, regional, and state speak-offs.
- It is the Regional Director’s responsibility to include the speak-off on a meeting agenda and to secure regional judges and a timekeeper.
- Judges and timekeepers shall **NOT** be related, in any way, to contestants.
- At the regional level, directors from districts with contestants **CANNOT** be judges or timekeepers
- At the state level, directors from districts with contestants **CANNOT** be judges or timekeepers.
- At the regional level, any questions will be decided by the Regional President. At the state level, questions will be decided by the Speak-Off Committee or the Conservation Education Committee.

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- 1st Place - \$300
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- 3rd Place - \$100

**Conservation Education Speak-off Contest**

**Judge's Worksheet**

**2020 Topic: "How should Resource Conservation Districts serve and engage the entire community in conservation work?"**

**Time Limit: 3-5 min.**

Judges will use the criteria below in judging each speaker:	Maximum Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>										
Was there a strong opening sentence or device to capture attention and interest?	<b>5</b>									
Did speaker introduce topic and theme of speech sufficiently and clearly?	<b>5</b>									
<b>CONTENT:</b>										
Was speech well organized, easy to follow?	<b>10</b>									
Did speech show quality research and mastery of the information?	<b>15</b>									
Did speech include ways in which RCDs can be used to address the topic?	<b>15</b>									
<b>DELIVERY SKILLS:</b>										
Was speaking style fluent, not sounding memorized or read?	<b>10</b>									
Was there connectedness with good eye contact?	<b>15</b>									
Did the speaker appear physically at ease, with appropriate gestures and delivery?	<b>15</b>									
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>										
Was the overall impression strong and effective, with appropriate non-verbal follow-up used to end the speech?	<b>10</b>									
<b>JUDGE'S TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>100</b>									
Timekeeper will assess time-penalty as follows: <i>Subtract points for increments of over or under the 3-5 minute time allowed.</i> 1-10 seconds 2 points 11-20 seconds 3 points 21-30 seconds 4 points										
<b>SCORE TOTALS</b>										

Judge No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature (Required): \_\_\_\_\_



# CARCD

## Speak-Off Contest 2020

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) is pleased to continue the tradition of the state-wide Speak-Off Completion for California High School Students at our 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

### **Speak Off Topic:**

**“How should Resource Conservation Districts serve and engage the entire community in conservation work?”**

The Speak-Off Competition will be held during lunch on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> during CARCD’s Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the Hilton Beachfront Hotel in Santa Barbara.

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