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**ABC Resource Conservation District  
Recruits High School Students for Speak-Off Contest**

Looking for new opportunities to gain experience in public speaking? Yes. Great!

The **ABC** County Resource Conservation District (RCD) will be participating in the *2009 California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) Annual Speak-Off Contest*, and we want high school students to participate!

This year's topic is "*The RCD's role in the protection of ground water through urban, agricultural, & environmental planning.*" Therefore, if you are interested in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment, and in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade levels in June 2008, then this is the contest to participate in! Show off your talents by speaking at the local, regional, or maybe even State level by competing among your own peers.

Local competition will be held the end of September. Continuing competitors will speak at the **Insert Region** RCD meeting in **Month**, and finally if chosen at the regional level, you will have the opportunity to represent your school, RCD, and County at the CARCD annual meeting in November. Sounds like fun, right!

The key to preparing an award winning speech is to get started now. Yes, even over the summer break. But, we promise it will be well worth all the hard work. It will provide you a fun way to learn about our natural resources, you will gain experience in public speaking, and best of all you will receive recognition and a chance to win cash awards.

We encourage you to participate in this exciting challenge and hope that **ABC** County will win the State competition for the first time this year!

Applications are due by **INSERT DUE DATE**. For further information about the contest and to receive an application, please contact **INSERT CONTACT INFORMATION**.