



Call for Abstracts

2019 CARCD Annual Conference

Increasing Pace and Scale: Local Action for Water, Soil, and Forest Resilience

We are excited to invite submissions for abstracts for the California Association of Resource Conservation District's (CARCD) 74th Annual Conference at the Sheraton Hotel at the Sundial Bridge in Redding from Tuesday, November 12th to Friday, November 15th, 2019. The conference will be generously co-hosted by Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Tehama County RCD.

Our theme this year is *Increasing Pace and Scale: Local Action for Water, Soil, and Forest Resilience*. California is creating ambitious goals to ensure the vitality and vibrancy of our State. RCDs are critical to the future of California meeting these goals by regionally scaling up important efforts and implementing the broad spectrum of local and state goals. Together, with collaborative partnerships between local, regional, and state entities, we must regionally tailor projects to simultaneously mitigate negative impacts and enhance the resilience of our diverse communities and landscapes.

We are requesting abstract proposals which highlight community-based solutions and local leadership that addresses regional concerns and statewide priorities.

Proposals should cover this critical nexus of state and local approaches as well as the following suggested topics:

- Forest, fisheries, soil, and/or watershed health
- Diversity and inclusion in conservation
- Collaboration and multi-stakeholder engagement
- Fire prevention and post-fire restoration
- Working lands and agricultural viability

We have four exciting days lined up for our attendees including a free Capacity Day designed exclusively for RCD staff and directors, engaging plenary and breakout sessions, panel discussions, and fireside chats. Regular attendees please note that the program is moved up a day from our usual schedule.

Most presentations will be 15-20 minutes each, grouped with 2-3 similar topics in one-hour breakout sessions facilitated by a moderator. If your proposal includes a panel or other timing requirements, please provide an explanation with your submission. We encourage you to partner with others that help tell your story, please explain as part of your proposal.

Please submit your abstract through the online form bit.ly/2urBAFi by May 3rd, 2019. Contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org with any conference related questions.