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**CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

Submitted by Charles Kent  
 Chair, Redington NRCD

Winter is almost over, and the winter rains have blessed the San Pedro Valley. The hill-sides have turned green with weed and annual grasses. Soon the flowers will turn the valley golden. Now is a good time to re-dedicate our time to the conservation practices that will keep our Valley a place that we want to live in. If each resident would do just one thing that he or she believed in, our rural life style could be vastly improved. There is no telling what benefits we can reap. Go out with a shovel and stop the erosion in your driveway. Use a hoe and chop down some invasive weeds. Plant a native plant as an ornamental. Catch and use rain water to irrigate your native plants. Come to a NRCD meeting. As the television commercial says "Just do it!"

One more thing: all of the board member terms, (with the exception of Stefanie's position as secretary/treasurer, at this time), will expire this spring. So, if by chance you would like to volunteer your time to your community, here's your chance. This is your opportunity to make some changes by making your voice heard.



Poppies are blooming on local hillsides. Photo by J. Dale.

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## Redington NRCD District News and Announcements

### Redington NRCD Board Vacancy Announcement

There is currently an open seat on the Redington NRCD Board of Supervisors. This seat is up for election in May 2008 with two years remaining in the six year position. In 2010 this position will be open for the reelection of said individual or be open for nomination once again for the full six year term.

In order to qualify for this position you must be a cooperater of the district, citizen of the United States, and living within the district boundaries. As a member of the Board of Supervisors you will be one of five responsible for the actions and activities carried out by the district. You should expect to attend at least one local district meeting on a bi-monthly basis, and be willing to travel outside of the district for statewide meetings or other natural resource related meetings that may involve this district. You should also be willing to be involved with outside committees related to the conservation of natural resources.

If you are interested in applying for this position or if you have questions concerning a more detailed description of the purpose and mission of the district, please contact any of the current board members listed in the box below. Letters of interest may be sent to the Redington NRCD, PO Box 232, Pomerene, AZ 85627

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### ADOT Feasibility Study of I-10 Bypass Route through the Valley

The ADOT feasibility study for a possible route through the Redington District is now complete. A report was presented to the ADOT Board at the December 2007 meeting but no action was taken. The final report has not yet been released but is expected sometime this month. To date, no recommendation on further study has been made. The preliminary feasibility study has been released and is available for download on the ADOT Website:

<http://tpd.azdot.gov/planning/i10bypass.php>

#### TENTATIVE WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT Bill Zeedyk Check Dam Workshop in Altar Valley

DATES: April 10-11, all day each day

The emphasis is on 'training the trainers' so that professionals can run similar workshops of their own, and share their experiences and observations with one another while learning from Bill and installing check dams at the same time. People should bring their own food, and camping is available.

We are asking for \$50/person total and accepting donations to help offset costs for whatever time you spend with us.

The location is likely the Anvil Ranch, at the north end of the Altar Valley, south of Three Points and Highway 86. This is about an hour and a half drive for anyone who would like to find accommodations in Tucson.

When we have more solid information, we will mail a flyer, but the dates are firm, and the Altar Valley is certainly the place.

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## Coronado RC&D News

Submitted by Donna Matthews, Coronado RC&D  
Coordinator

The Coronado Resource Conservation & Development Area (RC&D) is a non profit organization that serves the rural areas of Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Santa Cruz and Pima Counties. The Council that directs the activities of the RC&D Area is made up of delegates from each of the cities, towns, counties, conservation districts and tribes in the five county region. They meet bi-monthly with the next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2008 at the USDA Conference Room, 656 North Bisbee Ave., Willcox. The Council is currently updating their five year area plan. We would welcome your input and participation. The Vision of Coronado RC&D is : Enhancing quality of life in our rural communities and the Mission: Economic and Environmental sustainability through partnerships

To realize the vision and mission of the RC&D, the underlying actions of the Council and staff are to help rural people help themselves and the land we depend on. To do this requires money and a major role of the RC&D is to assist partners with developing projects, putting together plans and securing funding.

The following are a list of current grant opportunities related to agriculture and natural resources:

### Water Quality Improvement Education Grant Program- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

The deadline for pre-proposals is February 28 by 3:00 p.m. The final application deadline is March 20 at 3:00 p.m.

The overall goal of this program is intended to promote statewide efforts to manage nonpoint source pollution. The WQIGP is committed to funding projects that result in the restoration of watersheds and improved water quality. This can be best achieved through projects that have a combination of an education component to promote behavioral changes, as well as an "on-the-ground" component where best management practices are implemented to directly reduce nonpoint source pollution to surface and ground waters.,

The WQIGP will invest funding in such projects for up to a two year period.

Please refer to the RFGA for further details.

<http://www.azdeq.gov/enviro/water/watershed/outreach.html#grants>

**USDA- Value Added Producer Grants-** Deadline for applications is March 31- This grant is for individual ranchers and farmers who would like to start or improve a value-added enterprise.

What are value-added activities?

Grants must be used to promote activities that will improve the customer base for the commodity or product and allow

the producer of the commodity or product to keep a greater portion of the revenue derived from value-added activities. These activities include:  
Changing the physical state of the product – such as processing milk into cheese

Producing and marketing a product in a manner that enhances its value – such as organically produced.  
Physical segregation of an agricultural commodity or product in a manner that results in the enhancement of value – such as an identity preserved marketing system.  
Using any agricultural product or commodity to produce renewable energy on a farm or ranch.

Contact USDA Rural Development office in Willcox or the USDA Rural Development Website for more information

**Arizona Water Protection Fund ( AWPf)** Grant applications will be due no later than June 11, 2008 by 3:00 p.m. The Commission will make grant award selections on October 20, 2008.

The Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission provides funding for projects that directly maintain, enhance and restore river and riparian resources; implement innovative river and riparian research; and implement water conservation measures or programs outside of the 5 Active Management Areas. The Commission anticipates that approximately \$4 million will be available for grant awards. The Commission will be accepting applications under all funding categories (capital, research and water conservation).

The FY 2009 Grant Application Manual will be available at all grant application workshops, or can be downloaded from the AWPf web site at: [www.awpf.state.az.us](http://www.awpf.state.az.us) beginning March 10, 2008. To have a copy mailed to you, please contact Michelle Moreno at (602) 771-8528.

Grant Application workshops will be held in Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Show Low, Sierra Vista, Yuma, Prescott and Safford.. Please RSVP to [rjheld@azwater.gov](mailto:rjheld@azwater.gov) to indicate which workshop you would like to attend. Workshops will be canceled if at least 5 people have not confirmed their attendance within 2 business days prior to the scheduled workshop date. In the event a workshop is canceled, notices will be sent via e-mail to those who have registered.

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The legislation establishing the Conservation Districts in Arizona described their mission as follows: ARS Title 37, Chapter 6 37-1001**

It is declared that the policy of the legislature to provide for the restoration and conservation of lands and soil resources of the state, the preservation of water rights and the control and prevention of soil erosion, and thereby to conserve natural resources, conserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands and protect and restore this state's rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats, including fish and wildlife resources that are dependent on those habitats, and in such a manner to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people.

## Cascabel Volunteer Fire Department News

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CVFD trucks on display at Gammon's Gulch for CVFD Annual Meeting in January 2008. Photo by J. Dale.

There have been some significant changes in the Cascabel VFD organization this year. Les Helfrich resigned from his position as Fire Chief. He wished to retire (again). Les was instrumental and the primary force in establishing and maintaining our VFD for the past five and one half years. He will remain a volunteer with the FD and provide assistance and his expertise to our organization. There have also been some changes with regards to the Fire Board of Directors. Jacquie Dale, Stefanie Smallhouse, Gene Troutner, and Bonnie Bell, all who have served on the Board for significant periods decided to "take a break" to pursue other commitments. All have indicated their continued support and participation in our VFD. Their services are greatly appreciated. The newly elected members are David Blocker, Gorden Beasley, Bob Evans, Pete Edgell, and Bob Schultz (who served on the Board several years ago). A big welcome to these folks who are willing to serve our community. Steven Bribach, Pat Corbett, Jeannine Thomas, and Charlie Ffolliott, were re-elected and continue to serve on the Board. Their continued service is also greatly appreciated.

Jacquie Dale has set up a blog for us, linked to the VFD website. It can be a forum for our community to express ideas and make comments concerning our VFD. This volunteer fire depart-

ment is 100% dependent on the support from our community. We are extremely interested in what everyone has to say, so please don't be shy. To get there, visit <http://cascabel.org> and link to the fire department. Also available on our website is the current Board of Directors and links to state and federal entities, and the VFD training calendar. If the Internet is not your thing, please feel free to contact your Board of Directors, or come to a meeting to express your ideas or comments.

Our VFD has many challenges, from communications to response times, from fiscal issues to equipment and facility concerns. I feel that we can provide the community with needed services as our department evolves. The best way for us to proceed, because of our challenges, is through the education of everyone in the community. Cascabel has a long history of community responsiveness to all kinds of issues. Our fire department can provide education and training to the community to address issues that may concern emergency services. Being educated and organized will provide for a safe and effective response when an incident occurs. There are ways for everyone to participate.

### Redington Natural Resource Conservation District Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise notified, the Redington NRCD Board meets the 3rd Tuesday every other month at the Cascabel Community Center at 9 AM.

#### Next Meeting Dates:

Tuesday March 18th, 2008 at 9 AM  
 Tuesday May 20th, 2008 at 9 AM

All agendas are posted 24 hours in advance at the Game and Fish kiosks along the Cascabel/San Pedro River Rd. If you would like email notification of the agenda please email Charles Kent  
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## Education Center Report

Submitted by Jacquie Dale, Ed Center  
Director  
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New residents often wonder what the Redington Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) and Redington Conservation Education Centers (RCEC) are, how they are funded and what they do.

Administered by the State Land Department, the Natural Resource Conservation Districts promote the restoration and conservation of land and soil resources of the state. The State Land Department is responsible for ensuring that NRCDs are complying with state laws and regulations. The NRCD program receives funding from the General Fund and the Environmental Special Plate Fund.

A NRCD can sponsor an Education Center either individually or in cooperation with other Conservation Districts. NRCD-sponsored education centers are authorized under A.R.S. § 37-1054. Their purpose is to “promote a scientifically sound, balanced appreciation and awareness of Arizona’s environment and the wise management of all natural resources.”

The Redington Education Center was created as a non-profit organization, and is sponsored and directed by the Redington NRCD. Funding for the RCEC comes from the State and from the NRCD as well as through workshops, donations and grants. Individuals who purchase environmental license plates are supporting their local District’s Education Center. The annual budget pays the Director’s salary and provides funding for educational materials, programs and workshops. The Education Center relies on volunteers to do workshops and school programs. This district is geographically large but it serves a small population. We have no schools in this district but we have hosted some educational field trips for schools from adjoining districts. We focus mainly on adult education.

The Education Center Director must submit quarterly reports to the State indicating what has been accomplished. The Education Center also has an annual plan of work which is submitted at the beginning of each year.

If you have any comments or suggestions as to what you would like to see in terms of workshops, educational materials, etc. please feel free to contact me.

### Rainfall Measurements for Area

#### Data from M Diamond Headquarters near Redington:

November -- Not available  
December -- Not available  
January -- 1.34"  
through February 15 -- 1.33"

#### Data from Cascabel Clayworks, Cascabel

November -- 0.69"  
December -- 0.97"  
January -- 0.71"  
through February 15 -- 0.97"

#### Data from Three Links Farms at Jarvi-Halls

November -- 1.33"  
December -- 1.25"  
January -- 0.44"  
through February 15 -- 0.87"

#### Data from Harold Elliott, Cascabel

November -- 1.23"  
December -- 1.10"  
January -- 0.76"  
through February 15 -- 1.01"

### Dive into Arizona Rivers this Summer

Know any high school students who would like to study some of Arizona's last remaining wild rivers? The Arizona Rivers Project is sponsoring an 18-day field camp this summer (June 15-July 2, 2008), which will give ten high school students the opportunity to apply riparian monitoring and restoration techniques to four river sites in Arizona. Students will receive seven days of field training and mentoring at Biosphere 2, followed by eight days studying four different Arizona river sites and then bringing the experience all together back at Biosphere 2.

For more information and an application, visit the website: <http://www.azrivers.org/>

## NRCS News

by Dave Matthews District Conservationist

New NRCS Employee - Eric Peitz came on board as the new Soil Conservationist in Willcox in early December. He comes from Iowa where he worked with the NRCS as a soil conservation technician and soil conservationist. He has been with the NRCS about 3 years and started his career as a soil conservation technician in Eastern Montana. Eric has also served two details to Louisiana working with the Emergency Watershed Protection Program following hurricane Katrina.

Eric graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in horticulture. Following graduation, he was employed by Pioneer HI-Bred International at a seed corn production facility in Southeast Iowa. Most of his professional experience has been associated with row crop production. His duties with the NRCS in Willcox will primarily focus on conservation planning on irrigated cropland. Eric is looking forward to working with landowners in the Redington NRCD.

**EQIP Program** - The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is available to help agricultural producers install conservation practices on their farms and ranches. NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to producers to conserve water, reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, and enrich rangeland health.

Thirty four new EQIP program applicants were recently approved for assistance in the NRCS Willcox Field Office. Three of these applicants are producers in the Redington NRCD. Providing the planning, survey, design, construction, contracting, and financial disbursements to support these new conservation contracts will keep the local NRCS staff busy for the next several months.

**NRCS and Conservation Districts: A Shared Passion for Conservation** - We are celebrating a shared commitment to productive lands and a healthy environment with the partnership launch of a new national campaign "Conservation...Our Purpose. Our Passion."

Goals for the campaign are simple. First, gaining greater public recognition for benefits derived from stewardship on private lands—benefits we all enjoy, such as cleaner water and air, improved soils and abundant wildlife habitat.

Second, highlighting the role the conservation community plays in helping farmers and ranchers help the land. In cooperation with partners at the federal, state and local levels, our employees and volunteers build and deliver conservation solutions that work.

The campaign features the use of conservation technical assistance and other services offered to help customers

achieve their business and stewardship objectives. It exemplifies an abiding respect for America's rich farming heritage, a willingness to embrace innovation and new technologies, and an understanding that good conservation equals good economics.

For more information on the campaign, see [www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/ourpurpose](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/ourpurpose).


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Redington Natural Resource Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting  
 Saturday September 29, 2007  
 Cascabel Community Center

Pima County Water Resources Meeting: S. Smallhouse attended a water planning meeting and reported on the various presenters. The way in which water is allotted and the way that Tucson Water distributes water was discussed. Presenters discussed water management for the Upper San Pedro and how that interacts with development planning. Pima County officials presented a plan to change the process of presenting development plans to include all available water information as to its availability to the development.

1. Call to order 9:15
2. Supervisors present: Les Helfrich, Stefanie Smallhouse, Charles Kent, (Nominee Ruth Dewel), Judy Dykes
3. Approval of Minutes for August  
 Motion to approve J.Dykes  
 Second L. Helfrich  
 Motion carried
4. Approval of Financial report.  
 Motion to approve Financial Report J. Dykes  
 Second L. Helfrich  
 Motion carried (attached)  
 Approval of expenses:  
 Les Helfrich 355.00 AACD Annual Meeting  
 Motion to approve S. Smallhouse  
 Seconded J. Dykes  
  
 S Smallhouse:  
 Registration for Water Planning Meeting \$60.00  
 Motion to Approve J. Dykes  
 Seconded by L. Helfrich
5. Reports:  
  
 District Report/ CVFD- Les Helfrich:  
 Reported from the CVFD that there was an arson fire involving a tractor this month.  
  
 AACD – Les Helfrich: There were a lack of Handouts. AACD appointed an assistant to the new Director that will be collecting district information. Doug W. requested that the district get more involved in funding requests. All reports are being audited so please turn in timely. There was considerable discussion about renewable energy sources and the upcoming Farm Bill.  
  
 Ed Center Report- Jacque Dale: Articles for the next newsletter will be due Nov. 11. Continuing to work on the upcoming B. Zeedyk workshop.  
  
 Farm and Ranch Field Day – Update given by S. Smallhouse

6. Old Business:  
 Ruth Dewel Supervisor Approval – waiting on further information.  
  
 Cascabel Working Group Report: Group met with the DOT on field trip. The San Pedro is losing its appeal, but there is still planning for the Aravaipa area. This is all very long range planning.  
  
 Meeting schedule:  
 Motion to move meetings to every other month on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9 am beginning in January 2008.- S. Smallhouse  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – L. Helfrich  
 Update on Bill Z workshop – S. Smallhouse, J. Dale  
 Report given on status of workshop. Flyers have been distributed. B. Clark will contact J.D. on local contractors willing to attend.  
 Update on Ruth’s nomination – S. Smallhouse  
 Waiting to hear from State Land Dept.
7. New Business:  
  
 Resignation of Judy Dykes:  
 J. Dykes submitted letter of resignation to board.  
 Motion to approve, S. Smallhouse,  
 Seconded by L. Helfrich
8. Call to the Public – None
9. Next meeting – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.
10. Meeting adjourned – 11:30am.

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