



To: 9 -12 Grade Teachers
From: Glenn County RCD Directors, Associate-Directors, and Staff
Date: August 17, 2009
RE: 2009 CARCD Conservation Education Speak-Off Contest

“The RCD’s role in the protection of ground water through urban, agricultural and environmental planning.”

Looking for new opportunities to provide your students with experience in public speaking? Yes. Great!

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

This year’s topic is *“The RCD’s role in the protection of ground water through urban, agricultural and environmental planning”*. Therefore, if your students are interested in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment, and in the 9th - 12th grade levels in June 2009, then this is the contest to participate in! Let them show off their talents by speaking at the local, regional, or maybe even State level by competing among their own peers.

Local competition will be held on October 19th. Continuing competitors will speak at the Sacramento Valley Region RCD meeting on November 3rd and finally if chosen at the regional level, they will have the opportunity to represent their school, RCD, and County at the CARCD annual meeting in November 2009. Sounds like fun, right!

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

Enclosed is further information about the contest and an application. Please make as many copies as you wish. We encourage you and your student’s participation in this exciting challenge and hope that Glenn County will win the State competition this year!!

Please contact Kandi Manhart, District Manager for further information or questions. She can be reached at (530) 934-4601 x120, or by email kandi.manhart@ca.nacdnet.net.