

GLENN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RCD Connects with Kids - Annual High School Speak-Off Contest

Year	Topic	Rank	Name	Grade	High School	Level
2025	How can you turn your talents and interests into a career in the Resource Conservation field?	1st	Reese Martin	Freshman	Elk Creek High	Local
		3rd	Reese Martin	Freshman	Elk Creek High	Region
2024	What is the role of agriculture in meeting California's climate goals?	None				
2023	California climate is changing, and groundwater recharge will be important to ensure water for future generations. Are there other natural resource benefits to groundwater recharge projects and how can RCDs help? What local or regional examples can you point to and how have these examples helped your community?	None				
2022	"How does the long-term California drought affect your region and what can local Resource Conservation Districts do to help?"	1st	Gabrielle Brock	Senior	Core Butte	Local
		1st	Gabrielle Brock	Senior	Core Butte	Region
		1st	Gabrielle Brock	Senior	Core Butte	State
		2nd	Autumn Irvin	Senior	Orland High	Local
2020	"How should Resource Conservation Districts serve and engage the entire community in conservation work?"	1st	Gabrielle Brock	Sophomore	Core Butte	Local
2019	"Why do we need to act to save the monarch butterfly?"	1st	Gabrielle Brock	Freshman	Core Butte	Local
		2nd	Gabrielle Brock	Freshman	Core Butte	Region
		2nd	Chantal Wendler	Senior	Orland High	Local
		3rd	Madalyn Nissen	Junior	Willows High	Local
2018	"How can RCDs help landowners reduce the threat of fires?"	1st	Chantal Wendler	Junior	Orland High	Local
		1st	Chantal Wendler	Junior	Orland High	Region
		2nd	Chantal Wendler	Junior	Orland High	State
		2nd	Hannah Gonzalez	Senior	Hamilton High	Local
		3rd	Kate Grimsman	Sophomore	Hamilton High	Local
		3rd	Brandon Quintel	Sophomore	Hamilton High	Local
2017	"How can RCDs better involve their communities in conservation?"	1st	Bailey Morrell	Senior	Willows High	Local
		2nd	Bailey Morrell	Senior	Willows High	Region
		2nd	Bailey McCarthy	Junior	Orland High	Local
2016	"Based on history, what is your conservation dream and how can Resource Conservation Districts be involved?"	1st	Dominic Brock	Senior	William Finch Charter	Local
		1st	Dominic Brock	Senior	William Finch Charter	Region
		2nd	Dominic Brock	Senior	William Finch Charter	State
		2nd	Conner Avrit	Junior	Hamilton High	Local
		3rd	Cort Johnson	Junior	Hamilton High	Local
2015	"How can RCD's become more involved with conservation education?"	1st	Dominic Brock	Junior	William Finch Charter	Local
		2nd	Dominic Brock	Junior	William Finch Charter	Region
		2nd	Shelby Weinrich	Sophomore	Willows High	Local
2014	"How can RCD's help address the increasing fuel load in California's wild lands and the potential for catastrophic wildfire?"	1st	Dominic Brock	Sophomore	William Finch Charter	Local
		2nd	Dominic Brock	Sophomore	William Finch Charter	Region
		2nd	Reed Koehnen	Senior	Hamilton High	Local
		3rd	Allison Wallace	Senior	Orland High	Local
2013	"How will the development of alternative energy impact natural resources?"	1st	Hunter Dupee	Senior	Orland High	Local
		2nd	Hunter Dupee	Senior	Orland High	Region
		3rd	Hunter Dupee	Senior	Orland High	State
		2nd	Kaylin Renfro	Junior	Willows High	Local
		3rd	Dominic Brock	Freshman	William Finch Charter	Local
2012	"How can RCD's protect natural resources through community action?"	1st	Kaylin Renfro	Sophomore	Willows High	Local
		1st	Kaylin Renfro	Sophomore	Willows High	Region
		2nd	Emily Groth-Murphy	Sophomore	Elk Creek High	Local
		3rd	Megan Mendes	Junior	Willows High	Local
2011	"What can RCD's do to help bridge sustainable conservation practices with food safety practices?"	1st	Shannon Pflum	Junior	Orland High	Local
		2nd	Rebecca Smith	Freshman	Orland High	Local
		3rd	Nicole Mosier	Senior	Orland High	Local
		4th	Kayla Glenn	Senior	Orland High	Local
2010	"How can RCD's assist schools with natural resource education?"	1st	Shannon Pflum	Sophomore	Orland High	Local
		2nd	Brandin Jones	Senior	Orland High	Local
		3rd	Holly Anthieny	Junior	Orland High	Local
2009	"The RCD's role in the protection of ground water through urban, agriculture and environmental planning."	1st	Jeffery Flanagan	Sophomore	Willows High	Local

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2008	"The RCD's Role in Wildfire Recovery and Restoration."	2nd	Brandin Jones	Junior	Orland High	Local
		1st	Jose Mendoza	Senior	Orland High	Local
		2nd	Karissa Leonard	Junior	Orland High	Local
2007	"Youth and RCD's Conservation for the Future."	3rd	B.J. Rosen	Junior	Hamilton High	Local
		1st	Josh Enos	Senior	Willows High	Local
		2nd	Laurel Somerville	Senior	Elk Creek High	Local
2006	"Biofuels; The Energy of the Future."	1st	Danielle Spring Groteguth	Senior	Elk Creek High	Local
		2nd	Nicole Landini	Senior	Willows High	Local
2004	"Urbanization & Our Environment"	1st	Colby Sandate	Junior	Hamilton High	Local
		2nd	Aley Gonzalez	Sophomore	Willows High	Local
		3rd	Michael Castro	Freshman	Hamilton High	Local
1998	"Backyard Conservation"	1st	Casey Billings	Junior	Orland High	Local
		2nd	Tonya Bailey	Senior	Princeton High	Local
1991	"Conservation or Chaos---Our Choice for the Future."	1st	Kelly Osborne		Hamilton High	Local
		2nd	Kelly Osborne		Hamilton High	Region
		2nd	Cathleen Robinson	Junior	Hamilton High	Local
1989	"How will destruction of Rain Forests affect our California lifestyle?"	1st	Suzanne Robinson	Junior	Hamilton High	Local
		1st	Suzanne Robinson	Junior	Hamilton High	Region
		2nd	Stacy Fritter	Senior	Hamilton High	Local
1987	"Soil Conservation---Where would we be Without It?"	3rd	Ben Wilkens	Freshman	Princeton High	Local
		1st	Traci DeFeria	Junior	North Valley High	Local
		1st	Traci DeFeria	Junior	North Valley High	State
1986	Unavailable	1st	Jamie Trexler		Elk Creek High	Local
		1st	Jamie Trexler		Elk Creek High	State

\*2024, 2021, 2005, 2003-1999, 1997-1992, 1990, 1988 No Applicants / Contest not held