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APRIL 2023

- San Diego Pollinator Week •
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MAY 8th - 14th

Join for several community events focused on pollinator education and how to support them hosted throughout the week and across the county, for all ages. [See all events here!](#)

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Gardening for Pollinators

Find your roots with garden tours, workshops and volunteer opportunities



Family Day

Get the kiddos outside for a hands on experience with plants and pollinators



Milkweed Swaps

Bring us a tropical milkweed plant and receive a free native milkweed.



Pollinator Photography

Learn how to take the professional level photos of bees, flowers, and more

PUMP EFFICIENCY TESTING

Are you a commercial farmer or rancher located in Escondido, Valley Center or Ramona, and operate your working land using a well and/or booster pump? You could be eligible for a subsidized pump efficiency test! RCD will cover up to \$500 of the cost. The pump testing company will be in these areas on **Wednesday, May 3rd**, with limited availability.

These test results are a required component of applying to the [CDFA SWEEP](#) program, which funds upgrades to pumps and irrigation systems.

If you are interested in signing up, please reach out by **Friday, April 28th** to secure your place: gregg.cady@rcdsandiego.org | 619-562-0096

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday, April 30th | 9:00am - 12:00pm

[Field Sketch Workshop](#) - Earth Discovery Institute[Translate](#) ▼

Crestridge Ecological Reserve - 1171 Horsemill Rd, El Cajon

Work on your in-field sketching skills at this interactive workshop. No experience necessary, supplies provided. [Register here.](#)

Thursday, May 4th | 9:00am - 4:00pm

Rancho Corta Madera Ranch Demo

4861 Corte Madera Road, Pine Valley

Presented by the Sustainable Southwest Beef Project. A field day at the Corta Madera Ranch to learn about heritage Raramuri Criollo cattle, technologies for ranch management, and more! [Learn more and register here.](#)

Monday, May 8th | 8:30am - 4:30pm

Sustainable Management of Fire-Prone Landscapes

Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve - 14715 Campo Road, Jamul

Presented By [Cal Pac SRM](#) and [RMAC](#). Learn about targeted grazing as a vegetation management and fuels reduction strategy while incorporating conservation values into strategic management. [Register here.](#)

Thursday, May 11th | 10:00am - 1:00pm

Beneficial Wildlife Habitat Field Day

Ramona Ranch Vineyard & Winery - 23578 CA-78, Ramona

Farmers are encouraged to join and learn about the benefits of hosting native habitat for insects, birds and more on your working land. Presentations by Wild Farm Alliance, Ramona Ranch, and more! [Register here.](#)

Saturday, May 13th | 8:00am - 11:00am

Free Mulch Giveaway

Pine Valley Bible Camp - 8668 Pine Creek Rd, Pine Valley

Must bring truck or trailer for [free mulch](#). Call/text for a reservation: 619-300-3067

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Bagby Beer Co. - 601 S Coast Hwy, Oceanside

Email Connor McClelland to RSVP: YFR@sdfarmbureau.org.

Thursday, May 25th

UCANR Climate Symposium

San Diego County Farm Bureau - 420 S. Broadway, Escondido

Learn about programs and studies addressing regional issues. Email Jan Gonzales to register: jggonzales@ucanr.edu

Saturdays, June 10th - 24th | 10:00am - 1:30pm

3 Week On-Farm Composting Course

Pauma Tribal Farms - 1490 Pauma Valley Drive, Pauma Valley

Organized by Solana Center and sponsored by the County of San Diego. Learn composting basics and benefits, as well as best practices to reduce odor and pests and to keep your neighbors happy. [Learn more and register here.](#)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AGRICULTURAL PASS PROGRAM PHASE 2

This program allows commercial agriculture or livestock operators access to restricted areas to care for crops and animals during a disaster.

Permissible access includes:

- For livestock operations - sheltering, moving, transporting, evacuating, feeding, watering, or administering veterinary care to livestock
- For agricultural operations - work on irrigation systems, farm equipment, and other essential infrastructure

[Learn more at their site](#) or [apply for your pass here.](#)

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WILD WILLOW FARM CLASSES

Sunday, May 14th - 9:00am | Nature and Pollinator Photography Workshop

Sunday, May 28th - 11:00am | Natural Dyeing with Flowers

Saturday, June 24th - 10:00am | Beekeeping 101: Intro to Beekeeping

...and many more! [Check out the full lineup and register here.](#)

GRANT FUNDING, RELIEF AND SCHOLARSHIPS

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Disaster Relief for Organic Farmers (May 12)

Is your farm certified organic? CCOF offers up to \$5,000 in relief for economic impacts from natural disasters - [visit their website in April](#) to view the application.

Disaster Relief for Livestock Producers and Farmers (June 2)

USDA is providing relief funding in two phases for livestock producers and commercial farmers impacted by drought, wildfires and other natural disasters through the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) and the Emergency Relief Program (ERP). [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Drought Relief for Smallscale Farmers (July 15)

Was your farm business impacted by drought in the last two years? CARCD offers up to \$20,000 for smallscale farms - [view the application online](#) in your language. Need help applying? Reach out to Elizabeth (elizabeth.garcia@rcdsandiego.org).

Restore CA Carbon Farming Grants (July 20)

Zero Foodprint is offering \$450,000 total for California farmers and ranchers to implement projects that sequester carbon such as cover cropping, prescribed grazing and other regenerative practices. Each applicant can request up to \$25,000. [Apply here.](#)

Incubator Farm Plots

Quarter-acre plots for beginning farmers at the Tijuana River Valley Community Garden. Rent is \$1200 for the 1st year and \$1400 going forward; water is billed

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Small Farm Healthy Soil Check-Ups

Enter a monthly drawing for a chance to receive a free visit and soil sample analysis from local ag experts, Ernie Klemm (Konyn Dairy and KD Farms) and Dr. Craig Kolodge (San Pasqual Valley Soils). [Apply here.](#)

CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (May 23)

Projects must incorporate research and education, and bring together a team of researchers, students, ag professionals, and producers. \$350,000 maximum, duration 1-3 years. [Apply here.](#)

Restore California (July 20)

Zero Foodprint is a private organization that funds farms to implement soil conservation practices which store carbon. Up to \$22,000 per producer. [Apply here.](#)

Compost Connector (Rolling)

Subsidized compost material and delivery from a certified facility of your choice. Offered to working farms and ranches by Zero Foodprint. [Apply here.](#)

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (Rolling)

The US Department of Agriculture offers agricultural producers a cost-share to address resource concerns like flooding, erosion and soil health. Applications are accepted year-round and the next review date is April 3rd. [Learn how to apply here.](#)

Conservation and Land Management Assistance Workshop

[Check out this workbook](#) to see which local programs are available to you.

SPONSORSHIPS

Help a Young Rancher Attend Range Camp

The goal of [Range Camp](#) is to introduce students to the professional world of plant, animal, and landscape management. Eligible students must be 15-18 years old and attend high school [within our service area](#). If you know anyone interested in attending, they can [apply here](#). If you would like to contribute to the sponsorship fund, email: sierra.reiss@rcdsandiego.org.

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SUPPORT FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS

We are here to help you! Take advantage of these services that the RCD offers to San Diego farmers and ranchers, free of charge:

- [Irrigation Evaluations](#) and rebates for pump efficiency tests
- [Soil Sampling](#) for nutrient analysis
- [Economic Relief](#) application assistance for drought and other impacts
- [Planning for Carbon](#) farming practices
- [Native Habitat for Pollinators](#) on working lands
- [Free Chipping](#) and defensible space for eligible homeowners

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