

2018 SoCal Baja Region of Resource Conservation Districts CONSERVATION EDUCATION SPEAK-OFF

TOPIC:

“How can RCDs help landowners reduce the threat of fires?”

RULES & Important Information:

Contestant Qualifications:

- Must be a high school student, grades 9-12, at the time of state conference in November.
- Must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
- Contestants **MUST** submit a live recorded, non-edited, video to the facilitating regional RCD to compete.
- Complete release waiver.
- Live in and/or attend school in the SoCal Baja Region of RCDs service area (see map on at the end of this document, or call for more information).
- Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.

Application Requirements:

- Each contestant must fill out and submit an online application form, Photograph/Recording release waiver, and a live recorded video to the drop box link provided.
- All submission must be uploaded to the drop box account by 5pm on October 12, 2018.
- The application must include: name, address, phone number, school, grade, age, club affiliations, and a brief statement about interest or involvement in agriculture, conservation or environmental practices. Please fill out the application by visiting “What’s New” at www.rcdsandiego.org

Speech Requirements:

The regional level competition is conducted exclusively via video submissions. The State level competition must be a live speech.

- The speech must be three to five minutes in length, including the salutation and title.
- The speaker shall **NOT** introduce themselves or state what school they represent. However, mentioning their county or area is allowed.
- Reading from a note prompt will be allowed for this regional competition, but will not be allowed at Statewide competition, if contestant is to advance to that level.
- No props, costumes, or visual aids will be allowed at any level.
- The speech **MUST** include a connection to Resource Conservation Districts.

Judging:

- There will be three judges and a timekeeper at the regional, and state speak-offs.

- It is the Regional Director's responsibility to include the speak-off on a meeting agenda and to secure regional judges and a timekeeper.
- Judges and timekeepers shall NOT be related, in any way, to contestants.
- -At the regional level, directors from districts with contestants CANNOT be judges or timekeepers
- At the state level, directors from districts with contestants CANNOT be judges or timekeepers.
- At the regional level, any questions will be decided by the Regional President. At the state level, questions will be decided by the Speak-Off Committee or the Conservation Education Committee.
- Applicants will be reviewed by the judging committee via video/teleconference.

All regional winners will receive plaques at the state speak-off. The regional speak-off winners will receive:

1st Place - \$250

2nd Place - \$150

3rd Place - \$100

More Information at: rcdsandiego.org

Competition Submission Details:

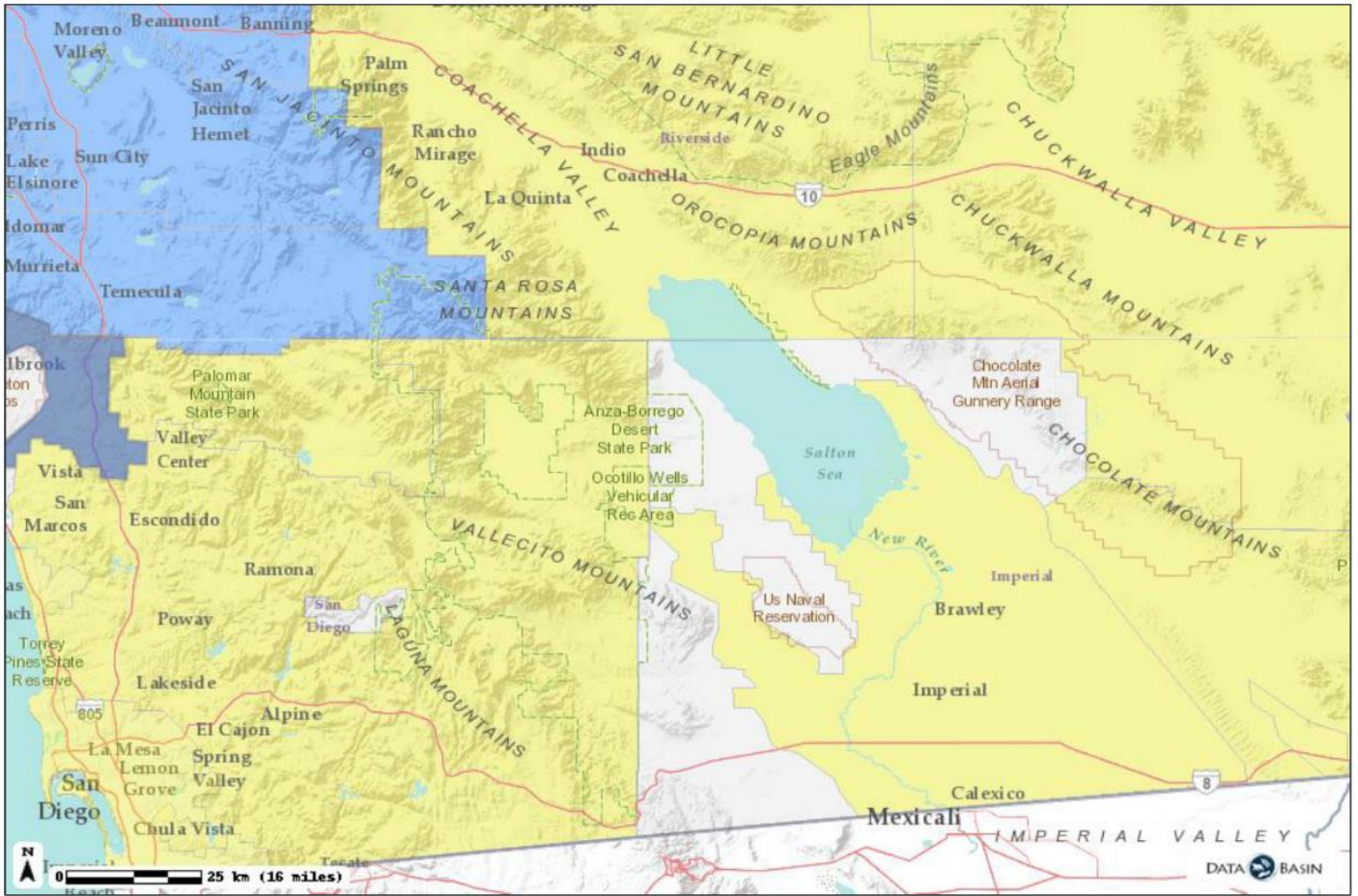
- There will be 3 judges awarding points to each speech.
- A timekeeper will be predetermined to filter the participant videos so that we have an accurate account of exactly how long the speeches are and that they do not exceed the allotted 5 minute maximum time. Speeches fewer than 3 minutes and over 5 minutes will be penalized.
- After the regional level competition the competitor will be required to participate in the State competition (November 17th) held in San Diego, CA this year. All transportation and meals for the competitor and one parent/guardian will be provided.
- Winners at the State level will receive the following:
 - 1st place: \$300**
 - 2nd place: \$200**
 - 3rd place: \$100**

More Information:

- For more information or questions please contact Britney Munoz at britney.munoz@rcdsandiego.org or (619) 562-0096.
- Electronic versions of these forms are available at www.rcdsandiego.org

SoCal Baja Speak-Off Region

The SoCal Baja Region encompasses six Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) within Southern California; those included are the Coachella Valley, Palo Verde, Upper San Luis Rey, Greater San Diego County, Imperial Irrigation District, and Bard RCDs. Students must live within the boundaries of these regions to be eligible to compete.



 SoCal Baja Region

**Conservation Education Speak-Off Contest
Judge's Worksheet**

2018 Topic: "How can RCDs help landowners reduce the threat of fires?"

Time Limit: 3-5 minutes

Judges will use the criteria below in judging each speaker:	Maximum Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
INTRODUCTION:										
Was there a strong opening sentence or device to capture attention and interest?	5									
Did speaker introduce topic and theme of speech sufficiently and clearly?	5									
CONTENT:										
Was speech well organized, easy to follow?	10									
Did speech show quality research and mastery of the information?	15									
Did speech include ways in which RCDs can be used to address the topic?	15									
DELIVERY SKILLS:										
Was speaking style fluent, not sounding memorized or read?	10									
Was there connectedness with good eye contact?	15									
Did speaker appear physically at ease, with appropriate gestures and delivery?	15									
CONCLUSION:										
Was the overall impression strong and effective, with appropriate non-verbal follow-up used to end the speech?	10									
JUDGE'S TOTAL SCORE	100									
Timekeeper will assess time-penalty points as follows: <i>Subtract points for increments of over or under the 3-5 minute time allowed.</i>										
1 –10 seconds 2 points										
11 – 20 seconds 3 points										
21 – 30 seconds 4 points										
SCORE TOTALS										
RANKING										

Judge No. _____

Judge's Signature (Required): _____