



The Colusa County Resource Conservation District 2026 CARCD Speak-Off Contest

Topic: What are the different effects that native vs. non-native invasive plants have on our ecosystems, and why does it matter to the work RCDs do?

District Contest Date and Location:

Wednesday September 30th, 2026, at 5:00pm

Submit Via Video Submission

Contest Winner Prizes and Advancement Information:

The winner of the district contest advances to the Sacramento Valley Regional Speak-Off on October 29th, 2026, in Yolo County. The regional winner advances to the California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD) state contest held at the CARCD Annual Conference November 19th, 2026, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Sacramento, Ca. The regional winner will be awarded a travel stipend to compete at the state contest. All winners will receive certificates plus a cash award as follows:

District	Regional	State
1st - \$100.00	1st - \$175.00	1st - \$1000.00
2nd - \$60.00	2nd - \$150.00	2nd - \$400.00
3rd - \$40.00	3rd - \$100.00	3rd - \$100.00

Contestant Qualifications:

- Must be a high school student, grades 9-12, at the time of the state conference in November.
- Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.
- Must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
- Contestants **MUST** speak at the regional level to compete at the state level.

Speech Requirements:

- The speech will 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.
- Notes will be allowed at the district and regional levels, but not at the state level.
- No props, costumes, or visual aids will be allowed at any level.
- The speech **MUST** include a link to Resource Conservation Districts.

How to enter:

Please submit your video using this link: [2026 Speak-Off Video Submission](#)

After doing so, please fill out and return this participation form using this link:

[Colusa County RCD Speak-Off Contest Participation Form – Fill out form](#)

More Information:

-All participants are invited to join us to be recognized, and winners will be announced at our board meeting October 20th, 2026 at 3pm at Colusa Industrial Properties Board room.

- Please look over the attached judging sheet to become familiar with the criteria your speech will be scored on. You are welcome to call the Colusa County RCD with any questions about the subject matter. Have fun and good luck!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: COLUSA COUNTY RCD AT (530) 473-9346 OR INFO@COLUSARCD.ORG