



## The Colusa County Resource Conservation District 2024 CARCD Speak-Off Contest

**Topic:** *What is the role of agriculture in meeting California's climate goals?*

District Contest Date and Location:

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00 PM**

**Colusa Industrial Park Conference Room, 100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa, Ca**

Contest Winner Prizes and Advancement Information:

The winner of the district contest advances to the Sacramento Valley Regional Speak-Off on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Colusa Industrial Park Conference Room, 100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa. The regional winner advances to the California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD) state contest held at the CARCD Annual Conference held in December at the Double Tree by Hilton in Sacramento, Ca. The state contest date and time to be determined. 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
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$100.00	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$175.00	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$300.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$60.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$150.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$200.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$40.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100.00

Contestant Qualifications:

- Must be a high school student, grades 9-12, at the time of state conference in December.
- 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:

- Speaking order will be determined by drawing numbers.
- 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.

**More Information: 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!**

**How to apply: Fill out and return the application form to the Colusa County RCD by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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