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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Glenn County Resource Conservation District Recruits High School Students for Speak-Off Contest

Looking for new opportunities to gain experience in public speaking? Yes. Great!

The Glenn County Resource Conservation District (RCD) will be participating in the *2009 California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) Annual Speak-Off Contest*, and we want high school students to participate!

This year's topic is "*The RCD's role in the protection of ground water through urban, agricultural and environmental planning*". Therefore, if you are interested in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment, and in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade levels in June 2009, then this is the contest to participate in! Show off your talents by speaking at the local, regional, or maybe even State level by competing among your own peers.

The key to preparing an award winning speech is to get started now. But, we promise it will be well worth all the hard work. The contest is designed to provide high school students a fun way to learn about our natural resources, gain experience in public speaking, and best of all receiving recognition and a chance to win cash awards up to \$300.

Local competition will be held October 19th. Continuing competitors will speak at the Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs meeting on November 3rd and finally if chosen at the regional level, you will have the opportunity to represent your school, RCD, and County at the CARCD annual meeting in November, 2009. Sounds like fun, right!

We encourage all high school students to participate in this exciting challenge and hope that Glenn County will win the State competition this year!

Applications are **due by September 30th**. For further information about the contest and to receive an application, please contact Kandi Manhart, District Manager at (530) 934-4601 x120, or [kandi.manhart@ca.nacdnet.net](mailto:kandi.manhart@ca.nacdnet.net).