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**CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

Submitted by Charles Kent  
 Chair, Redington NRCD

I saw the first gila monster today, a sure sign that the hot weather is just around the corner. But in the mean time the hills are green, the cows are getting fat and there are plenty of calves. Spring is such a wonderful time of the year, everything is new and refreshed.

I wish the same could be said about the financial well being of the Conservation Districts in Arizona. The State Legislature, in an attempt to balance the budget, has swept away all the funding for fiscal year 2009. The Conservation District State Association Winter Meeting was used to lobby legislators into reinstating the funds. We broke into groups and met with House and Senate members representing our individual Districts to present our case: that conservation of our natural resources is of great importance to our communities. It is also a financial boon to smaller towns and communities in that it returns forty dollars for every state dollar spent on conservation districts. No promises were made but

we got a good reception from everyone to whom we spoke. I guess time will tell if our District will continue to sponsor as many projects as it has in the past. See you at the next meeting.

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## Redington NRC District News and Announcements

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### Redington Natural Resource Conservation District Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise notified, the Redington NRC Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at 9 AM at the Cascabel Community Center.

#### Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday March 17, 2009 at 9 AM

All agendas are posted 24 hours in advance at the Community Center and at the Game and Fish kiosk along the Cascabel Rd at the 3 Links Road. If you would like email notification of the agenda please email Charles Kent  
[ckent1@starband.net](mailto:ckent1@starband.net)

### Rainfall Measurements for Area

#### Data from M Diamond Headquarters near Redington:

Jan -- 0.95"  
Feb - -0.88"

#### Data from Cascabel Clayworks, Cascabel (NWS Station)

Jan -- 0.56"  
Feb -- 0.43"

#### Data from Three Links Farm

Jan -- 0.61"  
Feb -- 0.41"

#### Data from Conserv Ed Center Stn, Cascabel (J. Dale house)

December -- 0.79"  
Jan -- 1.20"  
Feb -- 0.58"

Note: This is a new weather station, owned by the Redington Conservation Education Center. It is broadcasting live data online at:

<http://www.wunderground.com>

In the Search field type in KAZBENSO4 (the O is a letter O) and in the field next to it, select Personal Weather stations. Click Go. If you have any questions Email  
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**ARIZONA DROUGHT MONITOR REPORT, *January 2009***

Source: Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan

Monitoring Technical Committee <http://azdroughtwatch.org>**January 2009 Drought Status in Area**

<b>Cascabel/Redington Area</b>	<b>Benson</b>	<b>Willcox</b>
Short Term Drought Status: Abnormally Dry  Long Term Drought Status:	Short Term Drought Status: Abnormally Dry  Long Term Drought Status: Abnormally Dry	Short Term Drought Status: Abnormally Dry  Long Term Drought Status: Abnormally Dry

**Education Center Report**

Jacquie Dale, Ed Center Director

Spring is here in the District and it looks as if we had enough fall and winter rains to bring out the wildflowers. It is shaping up to be an impressive wildflower season. Poppies are blooming everywhere and the lupins are popping up. There are many other colorful flowers of which I do not know by name. Perhaps someday I will find the time to look them up in a book.

With springtime temperatures, rattlesnake season is rapidly approaching. We have to train our brains again to watch for them because they are always so good at camouflaging themselves. Most of the time I figure they don't worry about me so I won't worry about them. Just be aware they are out there. The polite ones rattle to let you know to stay away. One of the cooperators in the District has already seen one in her driveway. I guess the unseasonably high temperatures have brought them out of their dens a bit earlier than usual.

Another thing to be aware of are the blood sucking kissing bugs or cone-nose bugs as they are sometimes called. Last year we seemed to be inundated by them but that may have just been a particularly active year.

Kissing bugs live in packrat nests year round because of the safety and readily available supply of blood that it offers. They usually emerge from the nests sometime in April once the evening temperatures warm up and usually disappear when the monsoon arrives. They emerge as adults to breed, take bloodmeals and lay eggs. They make their way into our homes because they are attracted to the light in our houses. Once inside, they follow the carbon dioxide trail and the heat and odor that humans and pets give off and seek bloodmeals from them.

They get the name "kissing bug" because they often bite the the face of their sleeping victim. They will, however, bite any exposed areas of skin and you usually will not be unaware of it at the time. For most people the bites cause little problem aside from redness and itchiness but for others, it can cause severe allergic reactions, particularly when bit subsequent times.

Although it is nearly impossible to keep kissing bugs from entering your house when you live out here in the rural desert, you can reduce their occurrence by making sure your doors and screens fit tightly. They are able to crawl through very small spaces so even the tiniest crevice will allow them access. Keep your blinds or curtains closed at night to reduce attraction to your house. Keep outside and inside lighting to a minimum. Turn lights on only in rooms you are in so you can see if they enter. They usually fly over to the light and then fall onto the ground and hide. Inside your house, check, behind furniture and pictures - they like to hide in small dark places during the day. For those that have severe allergic reactions, you are advised to keep benadryl and an epipen on hand. Sleeping under a mosquito net or applying bug spray will prevent bites.

The University of Arizona's Department of Neurobiology is doing research on kissing bugs and they are collect specimens. If anyone is interested in participating, I have some specimen jars and instructions. For more information on kissing bugs and the research project, visit the Kissing Bug Project Website at:

<http://neurobio.arizona.edu/kissingbugs.html>

# Cascabel Volunteer Fire Department News

Jim EtsHokin, Chief

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Howdy everyone,  
A very huge THANK YOU and a JOB WELL DONE to everyone who responded to the Multi-casualty roll-over accident that occurred February 10th.

- Gordan and Linda Beasley
- Bonnie Bell
- Joel Quisenberry
- Jimmy McPherson
- David Omick
- Pearl Mast
- Jim Flood
- Gail Loveland
- Anna Lands
- Jacque Dale
- Charlie FFolliott
- Steve Bribach
- Leslie Hellriegel with her daughter (a nurse) and son-in-law visiting from Georgia.
- Jeannine Thomas and Elna Otter assisted with phone calls.

We are also making some progress in the conversion of our Brush 1 (6x6) mounting a newer

pump system and larger water tank. The truck should be back in service by the middle of March.

The Southwest Area has published a prediction concerning our fast approaching wildland fire season. In a nutshell, it should be similiar to last year, they refer to wildcat systems making their way into the area and moderating the fire danger at times. For the full details you can access the webpage through the CVFD Website, Southwest Area Fire Operations, link to Outlooks.

For now though, things are drying out signifcantly, and I want to urge everyone to be careful with their burning projects. Also I would like to encourage everyone to assess their homes and improvements for survivability. There are also links to Firewise information through the CVFD Website, Arizona State Forestry link. Anyone who may be intersted in the Fire Department conducting an assessment, feel free to contact me, and we can make arrangements to meet. If you've had an assessment previously and would llike an update, we can do that also.

## CVFD Emergency Helicopter Landing Zones Lats & Longs

Intersection of Cascabel Road and Star Road.

N 32° 06' 30.6" W 110° 18' 00.6"

4202 N. Cascabel Rd. @ Three Links Ranch

N 32° 11' 05.0" W 110° 17' 30.7"

McPherson Landing Strip, 5999 Canyon Road

N 32° 18' 07.8" W 110° 21' 54.9"

Cascabel Community Center, 5871 Cascabel Rd.

N 32° 17' 40.7" W 110° 23' 02.8"

Cascabel Ranch, 6200 N Cascabel Road

N 32° 18' 55.8" @ 110° 23' 19.2"

C-Spear Ranch, 6820 N. Cascabel Road

N 32° 21' 07.0" W 110° 25' 37.4"

Carlink Ranch, 11900 Buehman Road

N 32° 25' 38.0" W 110° 29' 34.1"

## NRCS News

Submitted by Dave Matthews,  
USDA-NRCS District Conservationist

### NRCS Staff Changes

Leaving in December was Christo Visser, Soil Conservation Technician, who worked in the Willcox NRCS office for the last year and a half. Christo did a lot of field work conducting surveys and construction inspections. He and his family

plan to relocate to the Phoenix area in the near future.

Eric Peitz, Soil Conservationist, has accepted a position with the NRCS in Ellensburg, Washington. His last day with NRCS in Willcox was January 14th. He provided farm planning and irrigation water management assistance to local farmers during the year he was stationed in Willcox.

### Farm and Ranch Planning Assistance Available

By Chase Skaarer, NRCS Range Management Specialist

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is ready to help you develop a conservation plan for your farm or ranch. NRCS is a conservation planning agency. This service is provided by NRCS at no cost to agricultural producers. A conservation plan can provide valuable information for managing the natural resources on your land. It can help you learn more about the soils and vegetation on your land and possibly make your agricultural operation more profitable.

A conservation plan is a voluntary written record of your management decisions and the conservation practices you plan to implement. It includes maps and other valuable information. The planning process NRCS follows consists of developing alternatives to combat natural resource problems on your land. We incorporate your goals and objectives into a plan that is affordable and can be implemented within timeframes acceptable to you. Each plan is unique to the farm or ranch it is developed for.

NRCS can assist you in inventorying the natural resources and conditions on your operation. Problems are identified during the inventory and potential solutions are recommended as alternatives to your plan. You make decisions on what alternatives you want to be part of your plan. NRCS is available as a second set of eyes to

offer you ideas and a second opinion on ways to better manage your farm or ranch.

When you begin to implement your plan we can further assist you by providing detailed designs and technical specifications for structural practices. We can assist ranchers in developing a grazing system that is useful, meaningful and sound. We are prepared to work with farmers on irrigation and other crop management strategies. After implementation we can help you monitor to see what the long term effects your improved management is having on your land.

Following the development of a conservation plan on your land, NRCS may be able to financially assist you in the implementation of conservation practices. Development of a plan is a requirement of all financial assistance programs provided through NRCS. By participating in conservation planning you will be eligible for monetary help when you are ready, willing and able.

Planning ahead can help you cope with unforeseen circumstances and reduce the stress of last minute decision making. Having a plan in place can also lead to higher yields and aid the long term sustainability of your agricultural operation. NRCS is here to help.

For more information on conservation planning assistance available from NRCS, contact your local office and the USDA Service Center in Willcox at 656 N. Bisbee Ave. or call (520) 384-2229 extension 3.

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**The legislation establishing the Conservation Districts in Arizona described their mission as follows: ARS Title 37, Chapter 6 37-1001**


It is declared that the policy of the legislature to provide for the restoration and conservation of lands and soil resources of the state, the preservation of water rights and the control and prevention of soil erosion, and thereby to conserve natural resources, conserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands and protect and restore this state's rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats, including fish and wildlife resources that are dependent on those habitats, and in such a manner to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people.

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**Name that Raptor from Nov Newsletter?**

**Red-Tail Hawk**

Red Tail Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)  
Photo by Preston Woolard

**Facts about the Red-Tail Hawk:**

- The Red-tail is one of the largest hawks
- Ranges throughout North America from northern Canada and south to mountains of Panama
- Lifespan is 10-21 years
- The length of the head and body is about 22 inches, wingspan up to 56 inches
- They weigh 2 - 4 lbs.
- Like most raptors, the female is nearly 1/3 larger than the male
- Diet consists of small rodents and snakes
- The eyesight of a hawk is 8 x as powerful as a human's.
- Has a hoarse and rasping 2 to 3 second scream that is most commonly heard while soaring

Source: Desert USA. <http://www.desertusa.com>



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Redington NRCD Board of Supervisors Meeting  
September 16, 2008

Call to order 9:15 a.m.

Supervisors present: Les Helfrich, Stefanie Smallhouse, Charles Kent, Ruth Dewel, Ed Center Dir. Jacquie Dale

Public/Agency Present: Wilma Renkin NRCS, Doug Witte, AZSLD, Barbara Clark, Kim Web NRCS

Minutes for the prior meeting were approved.

Motion made: Ruth D.

Seconded: Les H.

The financial report was given by R. Dewel

The Compass Bank Account has been closed and the monies moved to a new Chase Account. Now all accounts are held at Chase Bank. This was the NRCD Ed Center Local Account.

Doug Witte from the AZ State Land Dept. gave the totals for disbursement. For 2008-2009 it will be \$14,325.00 (NRCD). \$1304.00 2008-2009 from the license plate fund. \$6304.00 for 2008-2009 Ed Center funding.

Financial report was approved.

Motion: S. Smallhouse

Second: L. Helfrich

Charles Kent presented receipts for the AACD meeting.

Registration – \$250.00 S. Smallhouse

Registration - \$200.00 C. Kent

Travel - \$90.00 C. Kent

Reports:

There was a short discussion of the AACD meeting. The overall impression of the meeting was not positive.

There was a suggestion to send a formal letter to the Executive Committee concerning our feedback for the AACD conference.

This motion was made by L. Helfrich

Seconded by S. Smallhouse

Wilma Renkin with the Willcox NRCS gave a report for the agency. In attendance with her was Kim Web, Technical Service Provider for the Farm Bill. They are awaiting the new regulations to be released for the Farm Bill before they will have much information.

L. Helfrich gave a district report and stated that the Mission property has been sold.

J. Dale reported that the BLM is putting up a fence around the BLM property and J. Dale is doing the Arc clearance for this project.

The Ed Center Report was given by J. Dale.

The Corporation papers need to be filed. We need to figure out planning for the B. Zeedyk workshop. Winkleman District would like to help the field day at the Carlink Ranch.

We also need to figure out dates for the solar and water harvesting workshops.

Jacquie is also looking into an entomologist specialist for a workshop in Jan./Feb. for organic gardeners.

Old Business:

Stefanie Smallhouse read a report from the NRCWY group about the camp and its success. There was a thank you sent from the group for our support. A thank you was also sent from the Enviro-thon.

New Business:

Weather Station – J. Dale reported that H. Elliot is wanting to retire from keeping weather records. J. D. gave the options for such a station. The best option seemed to be the weather underground station for \$600.00. This station keeps humidity, wind, temperature, rainfall, and connects to the National Weather Service. Does not require power and anyone can use it. User friendly.

Motion made by S. Smallhouse to purchase the weather underground station.

Second by R. Dewel.

S. Smallhouse requested information about the Hot Springs fish dam. To be presented at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 10:45 a.m.

Work Group Meeting to follow.

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