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**CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

Submitted by Charles Kent  
 Chair, Redington NRCD

As I sit here today to write this, I can see out the window before me the thirsty land just drinking up this bit of unexpected moisture. It's been raining since about 2:15. The Palo Verdes opposite our perch on the hill are ablaze with brilliant yellow blossoms, washed free of their coating of dust by this gentle rain. The pine needles have tiny droplets suspended from their tips like last year's Christmas balls. Birds are bathing in the worn depressions of the tiles on the patio. Life is good.

Another turn of the page and I find I have been re-elected to the NRCD board for another two years. Maybe this rain is a sign of a fresh start ~ a rejuvenation of the seasons to come. A time of positive happenings for those of us in the San Pedro Valley.

This summer could be brutal. Fire danger may well stay in the extreme end of the spectrum. Although our plants and vegetable gardens are starting to sprout forth their bounty, in all likelihood we will all suffer some discouragement as the season progresses. Let's remember during any upcoming hardship that if we work together much more will be accom-

plished for the good of the community, our neighbors and ourselves.

Thanks to those who joined us this last Saturday May 17th for our annual meeting at the A7 Ranch. It was a pleasant day and it gave me an opportunity to talk with some of the folks in the district.

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## Redington NRCD District News and Announcements

### Redington NRCD Board Vacancy Announcement

There is currently an open seat on the Redington NRCD Board of Supervisors. This seat is an appointed 2 year term position. This term will end in June of 2010. At that time the position will be open for the reappointment of said individual or be open for nomination once again.

Once an individual is nominated by the current Board of Supervisors, this nomination is carried to the office of the Secretary of State for actual approval and appointment.

In order to qualify for this position you must be a cooperater of the district, citizen of the United States, and living within the district boundaries. As a member of the Board of Supervisors you will be one of five responsible for the actions and activities carried out by the district. If nominated for the position you should expect to attend at least one local district meeting on a monthly basis, and be willing to travel outside of the district for statewide meetings or other natural resource related meetings that may involve this district. You should also be willing to be involved with outside committees related to the conservation of natural resources.

If you are interested in applying for this position or if you have questions concerning a more detailed description of the purpose and mission of the district is, please contact any of the current board members listed in the box below. Letters of interest may be sent to the Redington NRCD, PO Box 232, Pomerene, AZ 85627

### ADOT Feasibility Study of I-10 Bypass Route through the Valley

In March 2008, the ADOT Board voted to drop the proposed I10 bypass route through the San Pedro from further consideration. The Board will still consider studying the Avra Valley and Aravaipa routes.

For more information on the study, see the ADOT website:

<http://tpd.azdot.gov/planning/i10bypass.php>

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### May 2008 District Election results:

Ruth Dewel , Six year term

Charles Kent , Two year term

Voter turn out: 26 ballots returned out of a total 87 qualified voters.

### Redington Natural Resource Conservation District Meeting Schedule

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

#### Next Meeting Dates:

Tuesday July15, 2008 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)

**ARIZONA DROUGHT MONITOR REPORT, APRIL 2008**

Source: Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan  
Monitoring Technical Committee

**Short-term Update**

The short-term drought situation is unchanged for most of Arizona from last month, with 11 of 15 watersheds showing no drought due to the very wet early winter, November through February. Last month, four watersheds in southeastern Arizona were abnormally dry, and this month two of them, Willcox Playa and Whitewater Draw, have been downgraded to moderate drought. Many locations in southeastern Arizona observed less than 50% of average precipitation over the past three months. The short-term status reflects precipitation in the previous 3-, 6-, and 12-month periods, which impacts range conditions, including reduced grassland productivity. Short-term drought conditions can change if precipitation in the previous 12 months is significantly wetter or drier than the 30+ year averages.

**Long-term Update**

Long-term drought conditions have also shown some improvement due to the wet winter across most of the state. In north central Arizona, the Verde, Agua Fria, and Little Colorado have all improved from severe to moderate drought, while the Salt, upper Gila, and San Pedro watersheds have improved from moderate drought to abnormally dry. Only Whitewater Draw in southeastern Arizona has degraded from abnormally dry to moderate drought. The long-term status reflects the previous 2-, 3-, and 4-year periods of precipitation and streamflow, which affects forest health and groundwater supplies. Although a single very wet year can improve the situation, it cannot completely offset multiple dry years, which is why the long-term situation continues to show some level of drought in all areas of the state. The next update to the long-term will be in July and will reflect the April-June precipitation and streamflow data.

**Drought Status in Area**

**Cascabel/Redington Area**

Short Term Drought Status:  
Abnormally Dry

Long Term Drought Status:  
Abnormally Dry

**Benson**

Short Term Drought Status:  
Abnormally Dry

Long Term Drought Status:  
Benson:Abnormally Dry

**Willcox**

Short Term Drought Status:  
Drought - Moderate

Long Term Drought Status:  
Abnormally Dry

## Cascabel Volunteer Fire Department News

Jim EtsHokin, Chief  
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Howdy everyone!

Well it has been a productive month with the Cascabel Volunteer Fire Department. On our last training day, twenty-three of our members participated in a meeting, with the objective to organize into an incident command system structure. This organization will help to minimize the initial chaos that accompanies any incident. A huge thank you to the folks that volunteered to take the lead in the various functions; Pete Edgell (Logistics), Linda Beasley (Plans), Steve Bribach (Operations), Pat Corbett (Finance), David Blocker (Dispatch/Communications), Bob Schultz (Ground Support), and Gene Troutner (Water Tender). We still have an opening for a lead with our Fundraising Group, if anyone is interested please contact me or Steve Bribach. Another big thanks to all our members who volunteered to help out the lead folks in these functions.

We also had an opportunity to send our Water Tender to a fire in St. David which provided our VFD with some much needed income, in addition to the operators gaining some valuable experience.

Mt. Lemmon Fire District donated a Compressed Air Foam System to our VFD. This system will provide a significant increase in our firefighting capability. The plan is to modify our 6X6 Brush 1 to accommodate this system.

Finally, the wildland fire season is becoming increasingly more active. I urge everyone in our community to be extremely careful when conducting burning operations on their property. If it is possible to wait for the rains, please consider that option.

### Rainfall Measurements for Area

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

January -- 1.34"  
 February -- 1.33"  
 March -- .35"  
 April -- 0"

#### Data from Cascabel Clayworks, Cascabel

January --0.71"  
 February --1.00"  
 March -- 0.23"  
 April -- 0.02"

#### Data from Three Links Farm

January -- 0.41"  
 February -- .091"  
 March -- 0.07"  
 April -- 0"

#### Data from Harold Elliott, Cascabel

January -- 0.76"  
 February --1.09"  
 March -- 0.21"  
 April -- 0.02"

### Education Center Report

Submitted by Jacquie Dale, Ed Center Director  
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Tour on the A7. Photos by Lynn Ffolliott

The District held its annual meeting at the A7 Farm this year. The meeting was attended by 17 people. John Sullivan of Pima County gave a presentation on the A7 Ranch. Charles Kent took everyone on a tour of the A7 highlighting some of their conservation projects. Those who attended were able to see newly installed water tanks, pipeline and solar water pumps among other things.



The tour was followed by a lunch and then the business meeting. Lunch was held outside overlooking the green fields and blooming cholla on the farm. It was a beautiful day and a great location for a meeting.



### Upcoming Workshop on Bats and Bat House Construction

**Monday June 9th,  
10 AM**

**Cascabel Community Center**

Our guest and fearless leader will be Stu Tuttle, a wildlife biologist from the NRCS in Phoenix. We will have information on bats and their habitat and we will build single chamber bat houses for our own use. If you would like to learn more about bats and/or create a home for them that you can install on your property, please come to this workshop. If you are a good builder, we need you.

All materials and instructions will be provided free of charge to cooperators. If you have power tools such as a variable speed reversing drill, screwdriver bits, caulking gun, hammer or tin snips, please bring them. We will have tools to share but more tools will help speed things up.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, **please RSVP by June 4th** so we can purchase enough construction materials, food and refreshments for all the participants.

**To attend this workshop, please RSVP  
Jacquie by phone (212-1441) or  
email: [redingtonnrcdnews@yahoo.com](mailto:redingtonnrcdnews@yahoo.com)**

**Local Classifieds**

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**Events, Workshops in Southern Arizona**

**Southeastern Arizona Solar Forum**

Sponsored by Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group, Cochise County and Cochise College

**Saturday June 21, 2008**  
**Cochise College, Douglas Campus**  
**4190 West Hwy 80/Student Union Bldg 500**  
**8 am - 5 pm**

**Sessions:**

- Arizona's Future Energy Needs - Options for Solar Power & Large Scale Solar Power Production
- Siting Solar Power Plants
- Solar Technology for Government & Business
- What Homeowners Need to Know about Solar Products
- What Cowboys Need to Know about Solar Products
- Paying for Solar Power - Gov't Incentives, Loans/Grants & Mortgage Options & Utility Incentive Programs

Cost: \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch  
Register online: [www.SAEDG.org](http://www.SAEDG.org)  
Register via mail to: Solar Forum, SAEDG  
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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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**Redington Natural Resource Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
March 10, 2008  
Cascabel Community Center**

**New Business**

Motion to send R. Dewel and S. Smallhouse to winter meeting with expense

Motion L. Helfrich

Second R. Dewel

Motion to send 3 people to the Altar Valley Workshop S. Smallhouse

Second R. Dewel

There was discussion and a request from the Cascabel Working Group for the Redington NRCD to write a resolution against the I-10 Bypass.

The motion was made to write this – S. Smallhouse

Second R. Dewel

There was discussion as to the election of supervisors to take place in May. We should request 85 ballots. We need to get the nominating petitions from the state soon. It was decided that the polling place would be held at the Helfrich residence again.

Discussion of the annual meeting: The annual meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the A-7 Ranch to highlight their conservation projects.

Ruth inquired as to an update on any state land initiatives coming up. There was brief discussion.

**Call to the Public**

Wilma Renkin of the NRCS offered a reminder to notify other agency personnel of our meetings now that they are being held during the week again.

Motion to adjourn: S. Smallhouse  
Second L. Helfrich

Call to order 9:20 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes for November 3, 2007

Motion to approve S. Smallhouse

Second R. Dewel

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2008

Motion to approve L. Helfrich

Second S. Smallhouse

Motion carried

Motion to Ammend November Financial Statement by S. Smallhouse

Deposit for 1304.34 was made to local RCEC instead of State RCEC

Second R. Dewel

Motion Carried

Approval of the March financial statement

Motion to accept R. Dewel

Second Les Helfrich

Motion to approve expenditures:

20.00 post office box

50 books for 4.00 Crop weeds

Motion to approve R. Dewel

Second L. Helfrich

Reports given: NRCS, Wilma Renkin – hand-out. J.Dale gave ed center report. Nothing to report from the North or South areas.

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