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2024 SCRCRD High School Speak – Off

On September 11, 2024 Sutter County Resource Conservation District held a High School Speak off at the UCCE office. This year's topic was: **"What is the role of agriculture in meeting California's climate goals?" How can RCD's help?** What local or regional examples can you point to and how have these examples helped your community?"

All schools in Sutter County were invited. There were ten students who attended and three winners were chosen and announced by the judges. The judges being Tim McGee, Heather Montgomery, and Manpreet Mahil.

Students followed the speech requirement: Speaking order being determined by each contestant drawing a number. The speech is 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 were to 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.

By the end of the Speak off, winners were presented with a certificate and check by the Sutter County RCD District Manager Rajvir Sahota, Project Assistant Estefany Sanchez, and public judge Manpreet Mahil. 1st place receiving \$100, 2nd place receiving \$75 and 3rd place receiving \$50. Contestants from Live Oak High School, Aiden Berg winning Third place, Esmeralda Diaz winning Second place and our First place 2024 Speak Off Winner was Madeleine Bole.

Madeleine will also get to participate at the Sac Valley Region of RCDs Fall Meeting + High School Speak Off in Colusa County on November 13, 2024 with participating counties: Butte, Colusa, Feather River, Glenn, Lake, Sierra Valley, Tehama, Western Shasta, Yolo, Yuba.

Thank you!