

Nearly 600 Rural Organizations Signify Opposition to White House Proposal to Eliminate USDA Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Programs

Rural organizations from across the country have written to Congress, voicing opposition to the Administration's proposal to eliminate the Under Secretary for Rural Development and funding for rural development programs.

Nearly 600 organizations sent a letter to Congress opposing the Administration's proposal to eliminate the Under Secretary for Rural Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The letter also lamented draconian cuts to rural development programs in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Budget request that would severely impact people from economically distressed rural communities. Signatures came from organizations located all around the country, and included community development organizations; nonprofit housing developers; state and national trade associations; farmer and agriculture cooperatives; affordable housing organizations; city governments; universities; and tribal governments.

The FY 2018 Budget request included substantial cuts – or complete eliminations – to almost all of the programs within the Rural Development mission area. Overall in terms of Budget Authority current Rural Development programs is cut by \$867 million or 31 percent. Specifically, the Rural Business programs and the Rural Business and Cooperative Service, as well as Rural Water and Wastewater Loans and Grants are completely eliminated. In addition, virtually every direct loan or grant program under the Rural Housing Service, including the Mutual Self-Help Housing program, the Section 502 Direct loan program, and the Section 515 Multifamily Housing Loan program, are eliminated as well.

National Housing Coalition. "Nearly 600 Rural Organizations Signify Opposition to White House Proposal for USDA Reorganization and Budget Request in Advance of Congressional Hearing." (accessed June 12, 2017) <http://www.pnnewsire.com/news-releases>

High Plains Aquifer Report Released

One June 1, 2017, the USGS released a new report on the primary water source of western Kansas, commonly referred to as the Ogallala Aquifer. The title of the publication is Water-Level and Recoverable Water in Storage Changes, High Plains Aquifer, Predevelopment to 2015 and 2013–15. It is also identified as Scientific Investigations Report 2017-5040.

The report states that 15 percent of the entire aquifer area has experienced a decrease in the saturated thickness of more than 25 percent from its predevelopment thickness. The report also states that the aquifer shows that five percent of the aquifer area has experienced a decrease in the saturated thickness of more than 50 percent from its predevelopment thickness. In Kansas, the change in recoverable storage is -69.3 million acre-feet since predevelopment, with a change of -3.2 million acre-feet for the period of 2013 - 2015. Large areas of water level declines of six to 20 feet are evident in Southwest Kansas for the 2013 - 2015 period.

A copy of the report, with maps, can be downloaded from: <https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/sir20175040>

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If you're serious about making an impact in the world, power down your smartphone, close your browser tabs, roll up your sleeves and get to work.

– *Cal Newport, NY Times, "Quit Social Media. Your Career May Depend on It". November 19, 2016*

Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present.

– *Jim Rohn*

Some days are just bad days, that's all. You have to experience sadness to know happiness, and I remind myself that not every day is going to be a good day, that's just the way it is!

– *Dita Von Teese*

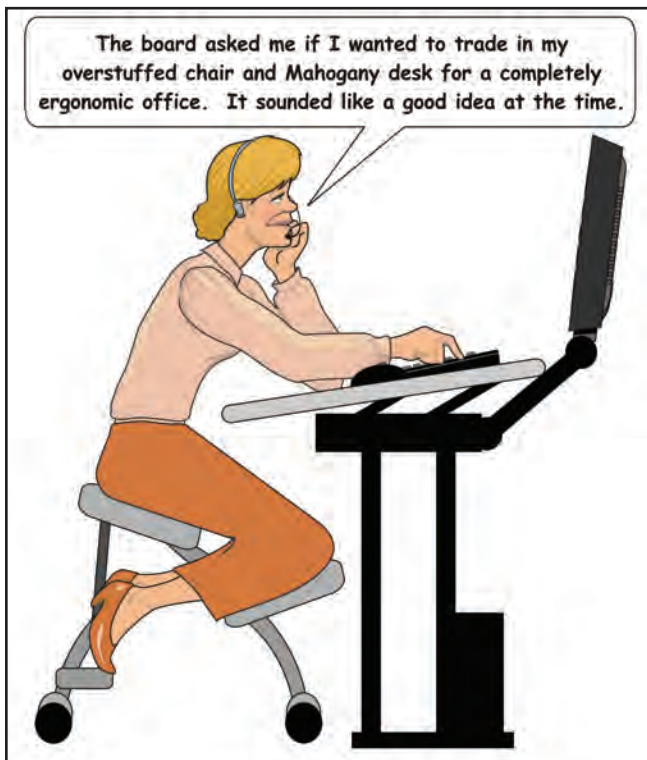
Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.

– *H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.

– *Saint Augustine*

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Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best.

– *St. Jerome*

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.\

– *Thomas A. Edison*

Quality is not an act, it is a habit.

– *Aristotle*

The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.

– *H. L. Mencken*

When you're drowning, you don't say 'I would be incredibly pleased if someone would have the foresight to notice me drowning and come and help me,' you just scream.

– *John Lennon*

Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.

– *Stephen Hawking*

I used to think that anyone doing anything weird was weird. I suddenly realized that anyone doing anything weird wasn't weird at all and it was the people saying they were weird that were weird.

– *Paul McCartney*

Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting.

– *Joyce Meyer*

It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends.

– *J. K. Rowling*

You have to come to your closed doors before you get to your open doors... What if you knew you had to go through 32 closed doors before you got to your open door? Well, then you'd come to closed door number eight and you'd think, 'Great, I got another one out of the way'... Keep moving forward.

– *Joel Osteen*

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