

Nevada Association of Conservations Districts

The **Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD)** is a non-profit, nongovernmental organization providing support and coordination to all of the 28 Conservation Districts (CDs) in Nevada. Your association officers are all Conservation District supervisors who volunteer their time to support NvACD. NvACD is made up of three regional area associations of CDs and serves as a state voice for conservation districts on state policy, legislation, communication, and funding for conservation activities. As such, NvACD is the lobbying voice for conservation and funding. NvACD also provides forums to inform, train and educate our supervisors and partners to recognize the potentials of our outstanding district individuals and programs. In addition, NvACD has standing committees and conducts an annual meeting each fall.

Current activities that benefit your Conservation District include:

- **1. CD Day at the Legislature-** NvACD coordinates "CD Day at the Legislature" where CD information posters and CD Supervisors attend to inform Legislators what CD's are about.
- **2. Annual Meeting/ Scholarship / CD Awards**, this includes about \$3000 given each year in local scholarships to deserving high school seniors or current college students from Nevada (scholarships are funded from the auction at the annual meeting).
- **3. CD and Supervisor Training.** Starting in 2016 NvACD instituted a supervisor training program with help from the University of Nevada, Reno. NVACD is working with the DCNR Conservation District Program to update the content and ensure supervisors receive the training they need.
- **4. Insurance-** NvACD is the umbrella for individual CD coverage in the Nevada Public Agency Insurance and Workers Comprehensive Pool (POOL/PACT) Program. Any dues-paying CD can sign up at any time.
- **5. Resource Needs Assessments- 2017-2019** Seven CD's have successfully completed their RNA's. NVACD will continue to work these 7 to complete their Conservation Action Plans and with additional CD's for funding and guidance to complete their Assessments.
- **6. Coordination with the National Association of Conservation Districts** NACD Board Member Jake Tibbitts attends NACD meetings to deliver Nevada's concerns for National Policy. Communication, grant and learning opportunities for Nevada's CD's are made available by networking with NACD.
- **7. Communications**-Communication with Supervisors and Staff via the CD Program List Serve and the NvACD website www.nvacd.org.
- 8. Statewide networking, voice and advocacy in multiple settings, including; Nevada Collaborative Conservation Network (NVCCN), National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, Sagebrush Ecosystem Council (SEC,) Nevada Dept. of Wildlife and Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Central Nevada Regional Water Authority, Nevada Association of Counties Workshop on Public Lands Plans (NACO), Legislature's Interim Committee on Public Lands, Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service, Nevada Farm Bureau, Grazing Boards, Society for Range Management and Nevada Section Society for Range Management, County Commissions, Sage Grouse Local Area Work Groups, and others.

Going Forward, NvACD will continue to advocate for ALL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

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