

NvACD and NRCS Capacity Building Agreement

Growing Natural Resources Projects for Landowners in Nevada!

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To Nevada Conservation Districts:

The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) in collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has established an agreement that will fund Conservation Districts (CDs) to assist their local NRCS field offices that are experiencing staffing capacity issues which hinders their ability to process applications and contracts for conservation programs and practices.

Through this agreement, we will facilitate the hiring of technicians, planners, engineers, administration, and other support personnel, as deemed necessary, to increase the implementation of NRCS program funds.

We encourage interested Conservation Districts to first contact their local NRCS field office to determine if there is a concern with staffing capacity in their office. If the need for additional staffing is determined, the interested CD will submit this information to the NvACD.

- NvACD will work with the CD to determine if the Conservation District can manage the funds.
- If the Conservation District shows to NvACD and NRCS that it can manage the hiring of an individual, then NvACD will contract directly with the Conservation District to provide funding for the position and NvACD, the CD, and NRCS will work together to manage the agreement stipulations.
- We will discuss contracting specifics and funding amounts with each interested Conservation District based on identified staffing needs and funds.

There is a limited amount of funding that will be allocated this fiscal year to Conservation Districts to assist with these capacity building positions. Funding will be based on the need within each NRCS Field Office and the Conservation District's capabilities to administer the contract and funding.

For further information on the agreement, please refer to the NvACD website or contact Kevin Piper, Executive Director for NvACD at kevinpiper@nvacd.org.