

April, 2025

Dear Nevada Conservation Districts,

Every year, Nevada's 28 Conservation Districts have the chance to invest in their future by becoming a member of the **Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD)**.

Conservation Districts around the nation have tremendous potential to be the local voice in their community while being a division of state government. We want to increase that potential by working with the Nevada Conservation District Program, stakeholders within your communities, and in local and federal governments to get the funding and support you deserve.

We had a productive 2024! We held a well-attended annual meeting in Reno, Nevada, with the theme **"Every Acre Counts- Rural to Urban"**. This last year, NvACD has seen tremendous growth with a new cooperative agreement with the Nevada Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). We are developing funding agreements with CDs to increase capacity to assist with implementation of NRCS program funds to local producers. We continue to work closely with the Nevada Conservation District Program on outreach, communication, and advocacy. NvACD provides zoom conferencing to all CD's, we facilitate the POOL/PACT insurance program for CDs and facilitate the annual scholarship program and the National Association of Conservation Districts Poster Contest. We have implemented a new communication format in the NvACD Newsletter that provides communications to CDs and stakeholders statewide. CD employee meetings will continue to be promoted throughout the coming year.

We need your yearly investment to be your voice in Nevada and help you fulfill your conservation district's needs. CD supervisors who are volunteers oversee the NvACD Board and the three-part time paid positions of Treasurer, Executive Director, and Communications/Outreach. **The board is:**

President:	Mark Damron, Southern Nevada CD
1 st Vice President:	Phillip Moore, Lahontan CD
2 nd Vice President:	Robert Fagundes, Lahontan CD
NACD Representative:	Jake Tibbitts, Eureka CD
Non-board members include:	
Executive Director:	Kevin Piper
Communications/outreach	Connie Lee
Treasurer:	Adriane Tibbitts
Past Presidents:	Doug Martin, Gary McCuin, Agee Smith, Maggie Orr

Please consider continuing your investment in NvACD. Thank you for the time you spend all year long to make your local Conservation District a success!

Sincerely,
Mark Damron

Mark Damron, President



With your support, NvACD will continue to advocate for ALL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Please invest in NvACD

The **Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD)** is a non-profit, nongovernmental organization providing support and coordination to all 28 Conservation Districts (CDs) in Nevada. Your association officers are Conservation District supervisors who volunteer their time to support NvACD. Three part time positions, the Executive Director, Treasurer, and Communications/Outreach help to maintain the NvACD organizational structure. 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 advocacy voice for conservation and funding. NvACD provides forums to inform, train and educate CD supervisors and partners to recognize and support Nevada Conservation Districts.

Activities that benefit your Conservation District include:

- 1. CD Legislative Funding Advocacy-** NvACD works on behalf of the 28 CDs in Nevada to promote increased funding and recognition.
- 2. Annual Meeting/ Scholarships / CD Awards-** Annual and regional meetings provide opportunities to learn about CDs, obtain information and training on new initiatives such as soil health, Resource Needs Assessments, water issues, and to network with others. The annual CD Awards Program recognizes CD supervisors and partners for their contributions to conservation. The Scholarship Program provides financial aid to deserving high school seniors or current college students from Nevada. Scholarships are typically funded from the Sportsman's Raffle, the auction at the annual meeting, or through yearly donations.
- 3. Strategic Planning to benefit CD functions -** In 2020, NvACD developed this planning strategy to insure we are using your input to improve our ability to help you through actions such as training, grant information, collaboration, public information, and promotion. We seek your continued input on this effort.
- 4. Insurance-** NvACD is the umbrella entity 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 (RNA)-** NvACD will continue to work with all Nevada CDs to complete RNAs and related Conservation Action Plans. NvACD will continue to seek funding and technical assistance for your CD to complete the RNA's which are critical for comprehensive planning.
- 6. Coordination with the National Association of Conservation Districts -**NACD Board Member Jake Tibbitts continues to represent Nevada and NvACD to deliver Nevada's concerns for National Policy, Communication, grant and learning opportunities.
- 7. Communications-** NvACD collaborates closely with the CD program staff, facilitates a CD employee quarterly coordination meeting, provides funding announcements, and training opportunities through the newsletter, website, newsletter and listserv. www.nvacd.org
- 8. Statewide networking, voice and advocacy in multiple settings, including-** State Conservation Commission, National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, Sagebrush Ecosystem Council (SEC,) Nevada Dept. of Wildlife, 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.



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2025 NvACD Investment and Contact List Update

Please note: this contact list is one of the most important forms we use to stay in contact with your CD supervisors. Please complete this!

2025 Investment Request - \$600

Name of District: _____

List of Supervisors and Staff:

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Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
NvACD
c/o Adriane Tibbitts
P.O. Box 571
Eureka, NV 89316

Please keep a copy of this statement for your records.

We value your investment. Each district's participation is essential to furthering our collective conservation districts' goals and objectives. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mark Damron, President