

2018 Annual Meeting



NVACD

Nevada Association of
Conservation Districts

November 13 and 14, 2018 – Elko Conference Center, Elko REGISTRATION PACKET

You are cordially invited to join Nevada Association of Conservation Districts for our Annual Meeting at the Elko Conference Center on November 13 and 14, 2018 in Elko, Nevada. From the settings of earlier history in Nevada, the California Trail Center and our Basque heritage, we will look to the future for how we can use the determination of the people that came to Nevada, and still resides in us today, to acknowledge that Nevada is not like any other place and CDs and partners must work together to find the best way for Nevada to solve its resource concerns. The meetings and tour will provide ideas and practical paths to follow to assist both CDs and partners to provide conservation leadership in your area. Relevant discussions with your input requested, time for interaction and questions, networking, and a fun chance to experience a Basque banquet and dancers await you!

Tuesday, November 13 – Elko Conference Center, 724 Moren Way, above the Convention Center

7:00 am – 7:45 am – Registration and Continental+ Breakfast

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – NvACD General Session and Lunch

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm – Networking Reception, Banquet, Awards, Scholarship Fundraising Auction at the Elko Basque Clubhouse, 1601 Flagview Drive, Elko

Wednesday, November 14 – California Trail Center, Hunter Exit, I-80 west of Elko

8:00 am – 12:00 pm – NvACD Business Meeting, South Fork Room

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm+ – Lunch and time to tour the California Trail Center on your own

TBD in Afternoon – State Conservation Commission Meeting, South Fork Room

There will be an NRCS State Technical Advisory Committee meeting via VTC another week, possibly Nov 20. Nevada Cattlemen's Association meeting opens November 15 in Winnemucca.

Included you will find the agenda direction, forms for registration, sponsorships, donations, voting delegate selection, resolution format, poster contest, lodging information, and contact information. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Orr at 775.962.1123 or president@nvacd.org.

This year we will focus on the fact that there is a general lack of awareness of what CDs are tasked with through statute, what they currently accomplish and what they strive for in the future. We hope to improve communication and knowledge of CDs and the opportunities they bring among:

- **Agencies, entities, groups, and individuals that can partner with a CD**
- **All roles of the State of Nevada at the State and County levels**
- **CDs themselves**

We want everyone to know the amazing fact that CDs can be the catalyst and the glue that leads and holds locally led conservation together in Nevada and what that can mean for the future!

In the morning:

THE PUZZLE THAT IS NEVADA – Making Federal Programs Fit Our Particular Needs

Or

CDs, LWGs and STAC – NOT JUST ANOTHER MEETING

(Conservation Districts, Local Work Groups, State Technical Advisory Committee)

CDs hold the key to locally led conservation for Nevada; they have the authority by state statute and they are an integral part of the NRCS planning system. This system offers the way to bring all entities in an area together to identify resource concerns and possible solutions by working together.

In the past NRCS did NRCS, BLM did BLM, USFS did USFS, NDF did NDF, CDs did CDs and so on. Sage grouse taught us that partnerships are the best way to go. Nevada is different than anywhere else; programs designed elsewhere don't work well here, we have to labor together locally to make them productive to solve our resource challenges, of which we all know we have many.

We will identify challenges, understand the NRCS planning system and how CDs and partners **ALL** can use the system to accomplish their work, and figure out what is best for Nevada. This is a question I have heard asked at the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council, the State Game Board, by BLM staff, by CD Supervisors and others – how can efforts be coordinated and synchronized in Nevada to prevent duplication of effort and accomplish the best effect for the resource? CDs can respond to any type of need in their area; as such, this discussion can apply to anything from public-private land issues to an irrigation system. Whatever your circumstances, no one can work alone anymore.

Topics for consideration:

- CD, LWG, STAC defined
- STAC operation and what each entities role and expectations should be
- What is the CD, LWG, STAC connection?
- How can this serve other partners?
- How does the Resource Needs Assessments fit into the process and incorporate partners?
- The role of the Nevada Collaborative Conservation Network
- Functionality of a STAC from another state where it is working
- What can partners contribute to solve problems at the local level; NRCS is not the only source

- What are the challenges?
 - Timing for meetings
 - Prioritization of projects to direct NEPA preparation by federal agencies
 - Lack of technical resources – NRCS and other agencies have money; they lack engineers, planners, NEPA-writers, contractors and staff
 - The cost of everything has gone up so we need to combine funds
 - Lack of non-federal match funds
 - Lack of funding for CDs to effectively function in their full authority and responsibility

- What are the opportunities of a properly functioning LWG-STAC?

- ✓ NRCS can do cooperative or contribution agreements with an organization when NRCS doesn't have the expertise or technical resources necessary to assist with solving a resource problem. Other partners can step up to help.
- ✓ LWGs can bring entities together to identify and solve problems helping NRCS work on problems that will be meaningful 30 years from now such as wildfire, noxious weeds, loss of farmland and water resources to urban development, etc.
- ✓ When working together, we could have the agency/entity best suited to complete the work accomplish it following the Watershed Restoration Initiative model in Utah
- ✓ Effective ranking criteria that will account for diverse problems statewide; identify resource needs and give 50% of funding to the #1 problem, 30% of funding to #2 problem and 20% of funding to #3 problem so areas are not left out
- ✓ MOUs to work together on projects

- Other topics you would like discussed?
- What suggestions can you offer to tie all this back to local leadership and local problem-solving?

We need to make coordination the way we do business in Nevada. The more we do it, the more we recognize it, the more we fund it, the more practical it becomes to do. It is the only way to find lasting success. The CD – LWG – STAC connection is a means already developed that can leverage funding and cooperation to achieve cross-jurisdictional work.

In the afternoon:

Leadership Practices in Today's Dynamic World
 Igniting Passion and Fostering Engagement for Local Conservation
 Marlene Rebori, Ph.D., UNR Professor and Community Engagement Specialist

The growth and expansion of technology over the last decade has not only forced individuals to be sophisticated in managing the media with which we process and share information, but it has also changed the manner in which we communicate. The practice of leadership through on-the-ground-advocacy is also shifting to a flatter, less hierarchical style. Emerging trends continue to see the rise of collaborative partnerships to foster on-the-ground change.

Successful associations have the ability to be nimble and adaptable in advocating for change. Conservation Districts have strong historical roots and thriving organizations are ones that can adapt in a dynamic world to fulfill their mission and advocate for change. As local conservation leaders, whose purpose is to identify, coordinate and use available resources to meet the needs of local land users for the conservation of soil, water and related resources, this introductory workshop will focus on the art of practicing leadership to ignite passion and foster engagement for local conservation. Participants who attend this workshop will gain the following:

- An overview of traditional views of leadership and how changing technology has impacted leadership perceptions and given rise to new practices of leadership.
- An interactive session on "best practices" for leadership.
- Assessing a Districts "Voice" and "Influence" regarding conservation issues.
- Tips for how to effectively communicate between officers and community members.
- How to prevent burnout of volunteers, recruit new volunteers, and motivate people.
- Tools and techniques that leaders can use and apply with their local districts and in the community to implement change.

Checklist to prepare for the Annual Meeting:

- ❑ **REGISTRATION** – Fill out and return your registration form for the NvACD Annual Meeting **by October 31**. Remember to make a motel room reservation.
- ❑ **AUCTION ITEMS** – Each district is asked to bring at least one auction item at a suggested value of \$50.00 (anything is accepted, thank you). **All proceeds from the auction go to support the scholarship fund.**
- ❑ **RAFFLE ITEMS** – Each district is asked to bring a less expensive fun item for the raffle. **All proceeds from the raffle go to support the scholarship fund.**
- ❑ **VOTING DELEGATE** – If your district’s dues are paid, please select a voting delegate and an alternate, complete the enclosed form and return it to NvACD. **If you have not paid dues to NvACD, please do so as soon as possible.** As long as your district has paid dues before the business meeting, your district will be eligible to vote.
- ❑ **AWARDS** – Please complete enclosed nomination forms. Please return nominations to NvACD **by October 17**.
- ❑ **PROJECTS** – We encourage you to let others know about your projects. Display space will be available for any district that wishes to showcase their projects. However, we ask that you let us know if you will be bringing a display, photos, and/or narratives with you to the meeting.
- ❑ **RESOLUTIONS** – Submit your proposed resolutions for NvACD adoption at the annual meeting. Proposed resolutions should relate to resource conservation and be of statewide interest or to submit to National Association of CDs. Enclosed is a suggested format for resolutions.
- ❑ **POSTER CONTEST** – Please bring your district’s winning posters for submission to the National Association of Conservation Districts Poster Contest. This year’s theme is “Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home.” Information is available from NACD at <http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/> and at the end of this packet.
- ❑ **NvACD ANNUAL MEETING DONATION** – A form is enclosed if any district would like to donate to help out with the coffee breaks, social hour or the meeting in general. **All support is appreciated in any form.**
- ❑ **NvACD SPONSORSHIP/EXHIBITORS** – Please reach out to any local businesses, services or entities that may wish to provide a sponsorship and/or display an exhibit for the meeting.

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Elko, NV
REGISTRATION FORM



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____
(Please list only if attending)

Name for Badge: _____ District or Organization Name: _____

District Supervisor District Employee State Agency Federal Agency Other _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please list any ADA Accommodations/Dietary Requirements: _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Type	Member NvACD District Before October 31, 2018	Non-NvACD Individual Before October 31, 2018	Onsite After October 31, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Registration Lunches, Banquet and Tour included	\$85	\$95	\$115
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Day Registration - Tues. 11/13	<input type="checkbox"/> meeting and luncheon -\$45 <input type="checkbox"/> meeting, luncheon, and banquet -\$80	<input type="checkbox"/> meeting and luncheon -\$50 <input type="checkbox"/> meeting, luncheon, and banquet -\$85	<input type="checkbox"/> meeting and luncheon -\$60 <input type="checkbox"/> meeting, luncheon, and banquet -\$95
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Day Registration - Wed. 11/14 Includes Lunch and Tour	\$10	\$15	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse / Partner Banquet Only	\$40	\$45	\$55

Total Amount \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check # _____ (A receipt of payment will be available at the meeting or by request)

Credit Card:

Name on Card _____ Zip Code (address if different than above) _____

CC Number _____ CVV _____ Expiration Date _____

Completed forms and credit card information may be emailed to president@nvacd.org, or mailed to NvACD, c/o Maggie Orr, PO Box 145, Caliente, NV 89008 by October 31. Payments can follow emailed forms through regular US Mail in a timely manner, but must be received by NvACD by October 31 to receive "early rate."

REGISTRATION POLICIES

Regular registration includes entry into the general meeting on Tuesday including breakfast, Tuesday's Lunch, Reception, Banquet and Live Auction and Wednesday's Business Meeting and Lunch.

A separate form must be completed for each registrant (and spouse/partner, if applicable).

Payments can follow emailed forms through regular US Mail in a timely manner, but must be received by NvACD by October 31, 2018. Returned checks are subject to a \$50 administrative fee.

On-Time Registration is defined as registration and payment received by October 31, 2018.

Please **DO NOT** mail registration forms that will be received by NvACD **after October 31, 2018**. After this date, you must register onsite.

Special Assistance Needs: If you have any needs addressed by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or dietary requirements, please contact Maggie Orr at 775.962.1123 or by email at president@nvacd.org by October 31, 2018 so that we can accommodate your request.

Registration Receipt: Registration receipts will be available at the meeting.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICIES

Refund/Substitution Policy: Cancellations, substitutions and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to president@nvacd.org before November 5, 2018 in order to receive a refund. An administrative processing fee of \$10 will be deducted. Refunds of registration fees after November 5, 2018 will not be refunded except in extenuating circumstances that are clearly beyond the control of the registrants, such as airport closures for weather, illness or family emergencies.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

I have not arranged a room block this year; Elko has many fine hotels, people have a variety of preferences, and internet options abound. http://www.exploreelko.com/lodging/hotels_motels.php will give you much information.

Donation

Conservation District/Organization: _____

\$ _____ Refreshment breaks

\$ _____ Banquet

\$ _____ Cocktail social hour/bar

\$ _____ Annual Meeting – general donation

\$ _____ Other (please identify) _____

Please return donation to:

NvACD
c/o Maggie Orr, President
PO Box 145
Caliente, NV 89008

Thank You!

(775) 962-1123, or email president@nvacd.org

DISTRICTS MAY USE THE FOLLOWING MOCK RESOLUTION AS A SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 2018

_____ CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Resolution outlining procedures for presentation of resolutions and voting at the NvACD Annual Business Meeting:

WHEREAS, the following procedures are necessary to enable a delegate to use good judgment in voting on a resolution, the delegate should:

1. Have had the opportunity to read the resolution.
2. Have had the opportunity to discuss the resolution.
3. Understand the ramifications of action taken by the Association in denying or approving the resolution, as those actions concern conservation districts in the State of Nevada.
4. Be prepared to support the action with the necessary agencies, districts or officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts shall:

1. Make copies of resolutions from all districts available to members at the time of the annual meeting.
2. Provide the opportunity for introduction and group discussion of resolutions on one day of the annual meeting.
3. Schedule a vote on resolutions on a day following introduction and discussion.
4. To accommodate #2 and 3, please advise Maggie Orr prior to 8 AM, November 14, 2018 to allow time on the agenda for introduction and discussion.

ADOPTED THIS _____ day, 2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the _____ Conservation District by the following vote:

Aye _____

Nay _____

Absent _____

Chairperson

Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Conservation

This award is given to an individual or group that has made significant contributions to the conservation and wise development of Nevada's renewable natural resources. Recipients may be individuals, agencies, professional people, units of government, businesses or corporations, communications (media) people, etc. Recipients may **not** be conservation district or NvACD officials. The service may vary but might include an outstanding conservation project or outstanding service to conservation districts. The recipient receives an award plaque and certificate.

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Nomination Submitted By

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Use additional sheets of paper to thoroughly discuss the following items:

1. Business or profession, type of business, agency, unit of government (please give brief background).
2. Discuss why nominee should receive this award.
3. Describe significant contributions to conservation and wise development of renewable natural resources. Any additional supporting information may be included.

Hall of Fame Award

This award is given to a person who has given sustained, dedicated, and volunteer service to conservation districts and the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts. The recipient receives an engraved plaque in addition to having his/her name engraved on the plaque at the State Conservation Commission Office.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Use additional sheets of paper to thoroughly discuss the following items:

1. Occupation (please give brief description).
2. Discuss why this person should receive this award.
3. Personal background (birthplace, education, career, civic activities, etc.).
4. Other helpful information.

Any additional supporting information may be included.

Outstanding Conservation District of 2018

This award is given for an outstanding conservation district. It may be for an outstanding project or for continual efforts for conservation through the years. Do not be shy about being proud of your own district's outstanding conservation efforts. **If your district is outstanding, nominate it!**

NOMINEE DISTRICT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Use additional sheets of paper to thoroughly discuss the following items:

1. Describe the District and their projects
2. Identify personnel or other individuals involved with the District
3. Describe why this district is outstanding
4. Include other helpful information
5. Pictures are optional but appreciated

Any additional supporting information may be included.

Conservation Excellence in Agricultural Production

NvACD recognizes Nevada agriculture producers (farmers and ranchers including urban agriculture) for their conservation excellence in farm/ranch/range management. The objective of this recognition is to give credit to those producers who have demonstrated excellent skill and knowledge in practicing conservation and sound management of their agricultural operations.

Nominations for this recognition can be made by anyone who is acquainted with the producer's practices and operations. The nominee must have operated on this land for five years or more and made the management decisions on the farm or ranch.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Farm/Ranch (optional): _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

The nominee has managed this operation for _____ years.

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Describe the location of the farm/ranch/agriculture operation and use additional sheets of paper to thoroughly discuss the following items:

1. Farm/ranch goals and objectives (i.e., water conservation, yields, stocking rate, brush management, livestock management, watershed management, wildlife, forage quantity, quality and utilization, etc.).
2. What successful changes have been achieved while managing the operation with conservation in mind (i.e., increased yields, weed control, carrying capacity, weaning weights, wildlife, soils, vegetation, etc.) since the nominee has operated the farm/ranch?
3. Describe the conservation management practices used on the farm/ranch including extraordinary management practices which alleviated or corrected conservation problems such as wildfire, droughts, weeds, run-off, water quality, safe and local food, etc.
4. Describe the nominee's knowledge and/or application of conservation.
5. Discuss any additional information, which explains why the nominee should be considered for this award (i.e., special awards or activities, promotion of conservation, etc.).

Voting Delegate

Name: _____

Conservation District: _____

Date: _____

Alternate Voting Delegate (optional)

Name: _____

Conservation District Chairman



POSTER CONTEST

All the educational information for this year's poster contest is at <http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/2018-watersheds-water-home/>

The entry form is available at <http://www.nacdnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Poster-Contest-Entry-Form.pdf>. **Each poster submitted to the State contest must have this form signed by the parent.**

The general contest information is available at <http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/>

The poster contest rules are at <http://www.nacdnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-NACD-Poster-Contest-Rules.pdf>. **Remember that the new rules require the size to be 22" x 14" (half a poster).**

From the email I sent you before: *The information on the Poster Contest on the NACD website is: <http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/>. It is under the "Get Involved" tab; I never think to look there. At the bottom of the description or on a gold tab on the top right is "NACD Marketplace." Go to "Select a Catalog", a drop-down menu on the right and select, "Free Educational Materials." Don't ask me why they make this so difficult! What comes up are all the materials for this year's theme, "Watersheds, Our Water, Our Home."*

What you see here are free downloadable educational materials that you print yourself in the amounts you need. You fill your cart just like you are doing any online shopping. When you go to check out you need to register and create an account and then place your order. It truly is free, even though you go through all the motions of online ordering. NACD used to produce all the booklets and other materials and you purchased from them, now they produce the information, and you download it and print it yourself or use the services of their recommended print shop or a local one.

The website says, "If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us at stewardship@nacdn.net"



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SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITOR FORM

The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) is the nonprofit organization that represents Nevada's 28 conservation districts. Conservation districts are local units of government established under state law (NRS 548) to plan for and carry out renewable natural resource management programs at the local level. Districts work with hundreds of cooperating landowners, land management agencies, and other stakeholders to help them manage and conserve land and water resources on private and public lands in Nevada. NvACD was founded on the philosophy that conservation decisions should be made at the local level with technical and funding assistance from federal, state, and local governments and the private sector. As the Nevada voice for all conservation districts, NvACD supports locally based, voluntary, incentive-driven natural resource conservation programs that benefit all citizens in Nevada. NvACD maintains relationships with organizations and government agencies; publishes information about districts; works with leaders in agriculture, conservation, environment, education, industry, and other fields; and provides services to its districts.

We invite you to join us to further and enhance this important work!

Please complete this form and send it with your payment by **November 2nd, made to:**

Nevada Association of Conservation Districts

c/o Maggie Orr

PO Box 145, Caliente, NV 89008

Send digital logo (if applicable) for Conference Program to president@nvacd.org

Contact person _____

Title _____

Organization _____

(Please list as it should read in the Conference Program)

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE TO INDICATE SPONSORSHIP LEVEL AND ASSOCIATED FEES

Thank you very much!

BRONZE LEVEL -- \$100

- Recognition as Bronze Level Sponsor in the NvACD 2018 Annual Meeting Program Guide
- Company logo on the NvACD Website and Sponsors Poster located prominently at the meeting
- Sponsorship will be verbally acknowledged during the opening session and meeting

SILVER LEVEL -- \$250

- Includes everything at the Bronze Level PLUS:
- Exhibit space during the main session (evening banquet excluded)
- (2) luncheon tickets

GOLD LEVEL -- \$500

- Includes everything as the Silver Level PLUS:
- Exhibit space at the evening banquet
- (2) evening banquet tickets

PLATINUM LEVEL -- \$1,000

- Includes everything at the Gold Level PLUS:
- Sponsorship will be verbally acknowledged during the event banquet
- An entity description in addition to logo in the NvACD 2018 Annual Meeting Program Guide

DIAMOND LEVEL -- \$2,500

- Includes everything at the Platinum Level PLUS:
- Entity descriptions will be verbally read to the attendees at the main session
- A representative will be given up to (5) minutes to address the audience, if desired.

SUPPORTING LEVEL – any amount less than \$100 \$ _____

- Recognition as Supporting Level Sponsor in the NvACD 2018 Annual Meeting Program Guide (excluding logo)

Please let us know your exhibit requirements:

Table Top display _____ Full display _____ Power outlet _____ Chairs (up to 2) _____
Other _____

TOTAL FEES DUE:

Sponsorship Level: _____

Total Due: \$ _____

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For Payment by Credit Card: Name on Card _____ Zip Code _____

CC Number _____ CVV _____ Expiration Date _____

Contact president@nvacd.org for credit card submission and to send your logo.