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Welcome to the first NvACD Newsletter! NvACD will be transitioning away from the current listserv format (currently being used by NvACD and the CD Program) to this newsletter. We are still learning the nuts and bolts of this format, so please be patient with us during this transition. We would be happy to highlight your CD activities, so please consider sharing your CD news!



NvACD Annual Meeting Survey
We can't do this alone!

We have developed a short survey and request your input. The results of this survey will help us help you, the CDs we serve. Our annual meetings is held during the timeframe outlined in our By-Laws and are available to view on our website: [Nevada Association of Conservation Districts \(nvacd.org\)](http://Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (nvacd.org))

The following information is copied from the By-Laws:

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held every year during the months of October or November. The voting delegates at the previous annual meeting will determine the day and place. **The annual meeting will be held after the first 10 days of November in election years.** 2. At the annual meeting of the Association a majority of voting delegates present in person will constitute a quorum for transacting business except for changing the articles of the Association by-laws, which will require two-thirds (2/3) majority of the district voting delegates and Board of Directors present in person. All meetings of the membership of the Association shall be open to all District officers and representatives and such other individuals as are declared eligible to attend, including members of the State Conservation Commission and their duly authorized representatives. All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (revised) 3. The Association Officers and the Area Directors shall hold a regular meeting each year in conjunction with the annual meeting in October or November. 4. The President or Board of Directors may call regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors. The meeting shall be open to all members of the Association and all Conservation Districts, and a majority of the Board of Directors present in person, shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts will be represented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) by a Council Member who will be elected at the annual meeting of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts and an alternate. The alternate to the Council Member will be the President unless he/she is already elected as a Council Member in which case the alternate shall be selected by the voting delegates at the Annual Meeting.

Please see the survey, below and answer it using the link, below, or answer via email to: connielee@nvacd.org

Link: [Fill out in Google Forms](#)

1. Is your CD willing to help organize our 2024 Annual Meeting? Helping may include finding a venue, food options, local representation/speakers, subject matter, etc. *

2. What would need to happen to have at least one supervisor from your CD attend our meeting?

3. What information would you like our annual meetings to address?

4. Would combining our meeting with another annual meeting encourage you to attend? If so, which meeting? For example, Nevada Weed Management Association, Nevada Native Seed Forum, Nevada

5. Please provide any additional comments.

The NvACD Scholarship is open and accepting applications !!

Click Here: [2024 Nevada Association of Conservation Districts Scholarship Application \(google.com\)](#)

The 2024 NvACD Scholarship Application is currently open and accepting responses and will remain open until April 15, 2024. The application can be accessed from the main page of the NvACD website at [nvacd.org](#).

Please share this information with students in your area who may be interested in applying for this unique scholarship opportunity. We feel this scholarship encourages students to graduate within the fields that benefit conservation districts' efforts. Preference is given to students pursuing an education in agriculture, renewable natural resources, and related fields. The NvACD Scholarship Fund is supported by NvACD's Annual Scholarship Auction, the NvACD Sportsman's Raffle, and generous donations.

If you would like to donate to the NvACD Scholarship Fund, NvACD has a convenient donation link that can be found on the NvACD website at [nvacd.org/donate](#), or you may contact me and I would be happy to help you with your donation.

The 2024 NvACD Scholarship information has also been sent to Nevada high schools, school districts, and institutions of higher education. Please contact me with any questions regarding the 2024 NvACD Scholarship process.

Partner Information

SAVE THE DATE

2024 ELKO WEED EXTRAVAGANZA

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 19

TIME: 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

LOCATION: ELKO CONVENTION CENTER: Turquoise Room

CLASS IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC AND CEUs WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE RSVP TO APORRECA@HUMBOLDTWEEDFREE.ORG BEFORE MARCH 13. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



The Humboldt Watershed CWMA would like to invite you to the 2024 Weed Extravaganza. This event is free to the public and will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at the Elko Convention Center from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, check-in will begin promptly at 8:00 AM. Please respond to this email with the names of the people that plan to attend. CEUs will be offered, however if you'd like to get your herbicide applicator certification, you will need to sign up for that through the Elko NDA office by calling 775-738-8076 and setting up an appointment with them. Cost for the test is \$50.

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NDA National Invasive Special Awareness Week Presentation

February 27 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

see Teams link, below.

Nevada Department of Agriculture's noxious weed program is participating in the national effort to address invasive species by providing educational

outreach during the **National Invasive**

Species Awareness Week NISAW. The goal is to raise awareness of noxious listed plant species and how to contribute to early detection and rapid response efforts.

Target audience: Public, partners, anyone interested in reporting invasive plant species.

- EDDMapS Presentation
 - o EDDMapS introduction
 - o How NDA uses EDDMapS
 - o How to make reports using EDDMapS
 - o Other useful tools
- Early Detection Rapid Response
 - o Overview of EDRR in Nevada
 - o ID presentation of EDRR listed species

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USDA in Nevada

[Click here for the newsletter!](#)

- [Farmers, Ranchers Now Can Make USDA Farm Loan Payments Online](#)
 - [Farmers.gov Portal](#)
 - [Keeping Livestock Inventory Records](#)
 - [Foreign Buyers Notification](#)
 - [USDA Helps Producers Prepare for and Recover from Severe Winter Weather](#)
 - [Interested in Funding for Agricultural Producers and Small Businesses to Make Improvements or Expand Marketing Opportunities?](#)
 - [NRCS Job Opening](#)
 - [EQIP's Organic Transition Initiative February 29, 2024](#)
 - [Application Deadline for EQIP-CIC March 1](#)
 - [Application deadline for NRCS EQIP and AMA programs March 29](#)
 - [CSP Applications Accepted Through April 5](#)
 - [NRCS Seeks Public Comment on 8 Conservation Practices](#)
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NRCS Nevada Job Update 2/14/2024

Farmers.gov sent this bulletin at 02/14/2024 11:46 AM EST

Please help spread the word about these student and recent graduate positions!

The Recent Graduate Program is for recently graduated or graduating individuals who are looking for developmental experiences in the Federal Government. Recent

graduates are those who have completed an academic program from a qualifying educational institution within the preceding two years. Veterans who were precluded by their military service obligation from meeting this requirement will have up to six years to apply.

Civil Engineer/ Agriculture Engineer - (Recent Graduate)

Closing Date: February 26, 2024

Locations: Elko, Fallon, and Yerington, NV (In addition to other states)

Grade: GS 5-9

Salary Range: \$44,039 - \$94,317 per year (Incentives may be authorized)

Announcement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/775725900>

Duties: Assists higher graded engineers or field personnel in the planning, design and construction of engineering practices such as water management, animal waste management, erosion control and flood control. (see full list in announcement)

The following Student Trainee positions, for students who are currently enrolled, are receiving applications through February 20, 2024.

Student Trainee - (Engineering)

Location: Elko, Fallon, Minden, and Yerington, NV (in addition to other states)

Announcement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/774723200>

Student Trainee - (Natural Resource Management)

Location: Reno, NV (in addition to other states)

Announcement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/774785800>

Student Trainee - (Archaeology)

Location: Reno, NV (in addition to other states)

Announcement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/774707200>

Have questions? Contact Rachel Larue at Rachel.larue-uecke@usda.gov or call/text 775-870-0941.



Link to the Intermountain West Joint Venture webpage:

[View in your browser](#)

New Positions in the BLM's Restoration Landscapes These **positions, based in Nevada** and Wyoming, will support collaborative riparian and rangeland restoration work on the ground within the BLM's Restoration Landscapes—designated regions of targeted investment for ecosystem restoration and economic resilience.

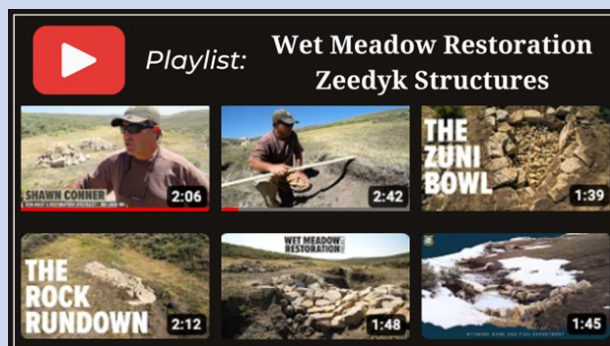


Are you a land or project manager interested in low-tech riparian restoration? We have a new page on our website with everything you need to get started with wet meadow restoration projects utilizing Zeedyks, including online trainings, technical documents and research, sample planning documents, and spatial planning tools.

Check out these videos on low- tech riparian restoration!

Link:

[\(20551\) Wet Meadow Restoration - Zeedyk Structures - YouTube](#)



National Association of Conservation Districts



click here to read

Conservation Clips

National Association of Conservation Districts News

Click here for the news: [Conservation Clips](#)

The Equation: **The USDA's Climate Hubs Could Help Farmers Adapt to Extreme Weather**

USDA: **Farmers, Ranchers Now Can Make USDA Farm Loan Payments Online**

Agriculture Dive: **Agriculture policies to watch in 2024**

Farm Progress: **Understand farm bill timeline**

Brownfield Ag News: **In Soil & Water Conservation Districts and Brownfield Honor Friends of Conservation**



Be a Beaver Believer ! Learn how beavers can help with stream restoration.

[Read the newsletter here](#)

CA Process Based Restoration

What is POOL PACT Insurance for CDs?

Member conservation districts are eligible for insurance coverage through the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (NPAIP, but often referred to as POOL), as well as coverage through the Public Agency Compensation Trust (PACT). NvACD acts as the main policy holder, but each conservation district works with a POOL/PACT representative to obtain specific coverage to better suit their needs.

POOL covers: Liability, Cyber risks, Environmental Liability

PACT covers: Workers Compensation

Other resources include human resources, cyber consultation, risk management grants.

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