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Dear Rose,

In an effort to make funding more accessible to all RCDs throughout the state, **CARCD is excited to share that we have partnered with the California Capital Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)**. Through this partnership we will be identifying and sending notifications of government contract solicitations to RCDs as they become available.

In addition, the California Capital PTAC can provide *free* counseling services, workshops, and trainings designed specifically to help RCDs:

- Navigate entry into the procurement marketplace
- Determine whether certain federal, state, or local contract opportunities are right for your RCD
- Complete registrations and certifications necessary for competing for different types of contracts
- Identify sub-contractors that your RCD could work with in order to fulfill contract requirements
- Interpret federal and state contract regulations
- Review and improve bids and proposals

For example, if your RCD were interested in submitting a bid for a contracting opportunity, the PTAC could provide you with one-on-one counseling support to help determine whether it will be worthwhile and to discuss what would be involved before starting the process.

Alternatively, if several RCDs were interested in an opportunity the California Capital PTAC could host a webinar to go over the details of the solicitation and answer any questions that you have in a group setting.

If you would like to learn more about the California Capital PTAC's services, please let us know.

We are looking forward to connecting the RCDs with the California Capital PTAC and hope that you will find value in them as a resource partner moving forward.

Thank you!

Sara Schremmer
Project Manager

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

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<http://tinyurl.com/MFSSgrant>

Questions?
info@marchforsciencesacramento.com

The March for Science Sacramento is excited to announce that we are seeking small funding proposals from community-based organizations working on community-led initiatives that include directly strategizing with and serving underserved and underrepresented demographics and that are related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

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[Conservation News] RCD Friends and Partners featured...

From Emily Sutherland 3+ Date Fri 13:08

Happy Friday Everyone!

RCDs friends and partners were featured on Capital Public Radio in Sacramento this past week.

Listen/Read and enjoy!

200 Years Of California History From A Tree's Perspective - Mon, Sept 25th - Featuring Melina Watts' new book: TreeCalifornia Farm Academy Offers Path For Immigrants And Second Career Farmers - Tues, Sept 26th - Featuring the Center for Land Based Learning

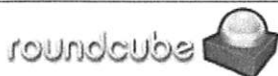
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[CARCD Updates] Conference Agenda Online

From Emily Sutherland Date Wed 15:34

Hi Everyone,

If you haven't already taken a look - the [2017 Conference Agenda is now online!](#) There are separate pages for the [Opening Session](#), [Thursday Breakout Sessions](#) and [Friday Breakout Sessions](#).

A few other conference related reminders:

- [Resolutions](#) for the Annual Business Meeting are available online. If your RCD is a dues paying member and plans to vote at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday - please fill out a [delegate credential](#).
- Brag about your RCD! Show off the great work your RCD is doing at the RCD Poster Session - [fill out a form online](#) so we can better plan the event space. Form submissions are due October 2nd.
- [Award Nominations](#) are due October 15th! Nominate your favorite colleagues for [Director of the Year](#), [District of the Year](#), [Employee of the Year](#) and [Volunteer of the Year](#)
- [Book your hotel room](#) by October 31st to get the discounted rate!
- CARCD needs your donations for Auction and Raffle items/prizes! Keep an eye out for great gift ideas as the holiday season gets closer or gather up donations from the specialty partners in your district!

The conference is less than 2 months away and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone in Sacramento! It's going to be a great event!

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Jim Chitla

Tue 09:16

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Justin Haessly

Tue 08:27

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Neil McCormick

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[CSG Update] Remin...

Emily Sutherland

Mon 17:04

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Mon 14:50

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[CSG Update] CSG ...

Karen Buhr

Mon 10:28

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Automatic reply: Tea...

Jeff.Brandt@wildlife.ca.gov

Mon 09:21

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[CSG Update] CSG Notice: Park Bond Agreement Reac...

From Karen Buhr Date Mon 10:28

Hi RCD Family,

Happy Monday!

After a long legislative season, the legislature has come to agreement on a Parks Bond and will be voting on a reconciled bill this week. The bill still has to reach a 2/3 majority by September 15th. If it does not pass, CSG has the citizens initiative on the ballot which is much larger and includes more specific funding for RCDs. If the bill does pass, CSG has agreed to remove their citizens initiative from the ballot.

Here is a list of programs that will most directly affect RCDs. The complete announcement is below with a total accounting of the bond.

Farmland resiliency

\$20 million to DOC for farmland resiliency (I presume this is for RCDs)

\$10 million to CDFA for climate resiliency

\$20 million for SWEEP

Watersheds

\$105 million salmon/ steelhead

\$60 million for upper watershed

\$175 million for coastal resources- mostly through the coastal conservancy

\$162 million for urban stream and river restoration- specific allocations for several rivers

\$18 million WCB

Planning

\$52 million Natural Community Conservation Planning-(If you aren't aware of this new planning program, its one to tap into)

\$180 million to conservancies

\$50 million for GSAs

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Thanks,
Karen

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News and Updates

Park Bond Update

Monday, September 11th, 2017



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Neil McCormick

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Mon 16:48

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RE: Updated Benton ...

Lieu, Tawny

Mon 16:19

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National Association of
Conservation Districts

NACD is kicking off fall with the launch of an online "Members Only" section!

In [NACD's Members Only section](#), you'll find resources made especially for conservation districts and state/territory associations to utilize, including NACD's policy book, a long list of educational and promotional handouts, PowerPoint presentations, exclusive district guides, and much more!

The best part? All of these materials are free and easy-to-download. Learn how to recruit board members, fundraise, onboard new employees, or develop relationships with the media inside the Members Only section!

Content in the Members Only section is constantly being added and updated, so we encourage you to check back often. If you don't see a resource that you think should be available in the Members Only section, contact us! We're always looking for ways to provide you with the best in tools, research, and conservation news.

Wait! I need more information!

How do I gain access to the Members Only section?

All conservation districts are members of NACD and have access to the Members Only section.

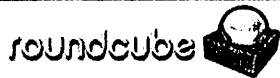
However, to access all the available content in the Members Only section, a conservation district or state/territory association must be up-to-date on its annual dues payment to NACD.

When that payment is made, there will be an option to register users for full access to the Members Only section, either on the invoice you receive from NACD or online if an electronic payment is made.

If your district or association paid dues for NACD's Fiscal Year 2018 – which runs October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 – and has not designated Members Only users, contact Director of Membership [Kimberly Uldricks](#) to do so.

As a designated Members Only section user, you will be able to log on with your NACD online account information and use Members Only content whenever you'd like! Just click "Members Only" located under the search bar on NACD's homepage – www.nacdnet.org – to login and get started.





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From: SM.OAO.AdvocacyAndOutreach <AdvocacyAndOutreach@osec.usda.gov>

Date: September 13, 2017 at 4:12:54 PM PDT

To: SM.OAO.AdvocacyAndOutreach <AdvocacyAndOutreach@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: USDA Announcements and Funding Opportunities

Greetings from the Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO)! We'd like to share the following information:

1. Administrative/Preparatory Meeting with the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee – Tulsa, Oklahoma

The OAO will be hosting an Administrative/Preparatory Meeting with the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee on Wednesday and Thursday, September 27-28, 2017, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Mayo Hotel located at 115 West 5th Street, Tulsa, OK 74103. The committee will be discussing administrative matters and preparatory meeting matters. Please contact the hotel directly at (918) 582-6296 for reasonable accommodations. If you require room reservations, please use the following information to contact the nearby Aloft Hotel:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1709132073&key=6145B93>

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2. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture would like to share the following funding announcements:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP) Synopsis 3

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297179>

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program

Synopsis 1

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297333>

3. Request for Nominations

Nomination Deadline: September 27, 2017 – National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF)



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Bringing Riverside County residents watershed news and updates!

Don't Haunt the Watershed

On Halloween, some kids can't wait to eat their candy. They pop that piece in their mouth while they are out trick or treating. What happens to that wrapper? It's downright frightening!

[Read more...](#)


Check out Earth Science Week

Global warming, climate change...do humans have an impact on the Earth? What about closer to home? The 20017 theme for Earth Science Week is "Earth and Human Activity." See how humans affect the watershed and the wildlife there.

[Read more...](#)


Fall in Love in the Watershed!

Who says Southern California doesn't have seasons? For a trip to a true autumn location, check out the San Jacinto Mountains...and fall in love!

[Read more...](#)


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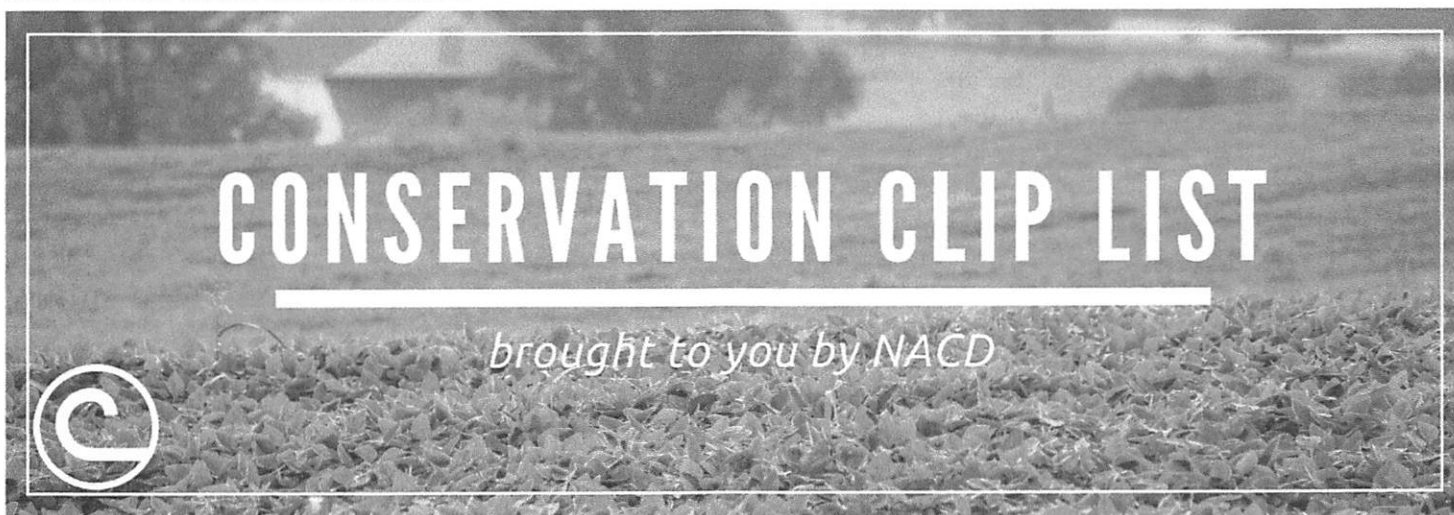
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NACD Blog: [Soil health workshops for women farmland owners spark conversation](#)

The Women, Food and Agriculture Network (WFAN) promotes outreach to women farmland owners – an audience often overlooked, but significant in terms of their ability to influence conservation practices on their land.

[USDA Shuffles Around More Agencies and Offices](#) via DTN/The Progressive Farmer

USDA rolled out some further organizational changes on Thursday, which the department stated would "improve customer service and maximize efficiency." The department noted the changes build on the reorganization announced last May.

[Ibach, Northey, Vaden named to USDA posts](#) via Agri-Pulse

Trump tapped Northey, currently serving as Iowa's Agriculture Secretary, as his pick for Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. The position has jurisdiction over the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Risk Management Agency.

[Oklahoma Leaders Frank Lucas and Mike Sanders Commend Innovative Farm-to-Food Bank Project](#) via Oklahoma Farm Report

Congressman Frank Lucas (OK-3) and State Representative Mike Sanders (HD-59) visited the first "Farm to Food Bank" site in Leedey, Okla. The project utilizes conservation practices that improve the health of the soil to produce edible cover crops for local food banks.

[Billions of dead trees force US fire crews to shift tactics](#) via Seattle PI

Vast stands of dead timber in the Western U.S. have forced firefighters to shift tactics, trying to stay out of the shadow of lifeless, unstable trees that could come crashing down with deadly force. About 6.3 billion dead trees are still standing in 11 Western states, up from 5.8 billion five years ago.

[Wild Horses: Adored by the Public, but Destroying Water Resources](#) via NewsDeeply

New research on the Modoc National Forest in remote northeastern California shows that growing numbers of wild horses are devastating remote springs that are often the only water supply available to wildlife.

River herring, hurt by dams and climate change, believed to be at only 3% of historical numbers via Press Herald

The federal government is reviewing the status of two river herring species to see if the little fish should be listed under the Endangered Species Act. The fish live in rivers from Maine to Florida, and conservationists have long made the case that their declining populations pose a major problem for the health of ecosystems along the East Coast.

Audit: Iowa DNR fails to follow law on wetlands, public works inspections via The Des Moines Register

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has failed to follow state law to identify protected wetlands, inspect local public works projects, and create a clean-air advisory panel, an audit released Tuesday says. Iowa DNR officials said the state laws duplicate other state or federal efforts, are less stringent than federal requirements, are outmoded, or can't be completed because of lack of cooperation from other state leaders.

From sugar mills to hog farms, U.S. agriculture braces for Irma via Reuters

Hurricane Irma sent farmers and food companies scrambling to protect processing facilities, farm fields, and animal herds in the South and Southeastern parts of the United States.

'Highly invasive' Japanese stiltgrass found in Michigan for first time near Ann Arbor via Click on Detroit

Japanese stiltgrass, an invasive plant, was found near Ann Arbor, the Department of Natural Resources announced. It has been on the Michigan invasive species watch list since 2015, but this is the first time it's been detected in the state, the DNR said.

Representative Young hopes to inject precision conservation into Farm Bill via Radio Iowa

Republican Congressman David Young has developed a new plan for distributing a block of federal dollars reserved for water quality improvement projects. Young hopes to tack his idea onto the next Farm Bill and change the way money in the USDA's already-existing Environmental Quality Incentive Program is distributed.

Invasive quagga mussel larvae found in Green Mountain Reservoir, state steps up boat decontamination procedures via The Denver Post

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has found invasive quagga mussel larvae in Green Mountain Reservoir, prompting aggressive decontamination policies to prevent the growth and spread of the invasive species. The presence of larvae can lead to an infestation that would threaten hydroelectric power generation, water quality, and recreation.

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NACD Blog: [What you need to know about funding the federal government](#)

You may be wondering how a government shutdown can affect conservation districts, or even what “continuing resolution” means.

NACD Blog: [NACD update on USDA reorganization](#)

Since last week’s announcement that USDA is taking further steps in their efforts to reorganize the department, NACD has received additional information that we wanted to pass along to you, though many details are still to come.

[New tool available to help farmers explore alternative ways to comply with buffer law](#) via Albert Lea Tribune

To help farmers find the best strategy to comply with the Minnesota Buffer Law, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has implemented a tool that will provide farmers with alternative practices specific to their land that can be used instead of the prescribed vegetative buffer.

[Can American soil be brought back to life?](#) via Politico

A new idea: If we revive the tiny creatures that make dirt healthy, we can bring back the great American topsoil. But farming culture — and government — aren't making it easy.

[USDA help available for flood-damaged land](#) via Victoria Advocate

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas has established two special Environmental Quality Incentives Program sign ups to help farmers and ranchers that suffered damage to working lands and livestock mortality as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

[Conservation for the Future of the Family Farm](#) via National Geographic

Today, he is focused on long-term thinking – farming sustainably both to help his business prosper now and to care for the land in the long term. Conservation and low-impact farming keep the land healthy for future generations.

Hurricane Irma: Florida's Overdevelopment Has Created a Ticking Time Bomb via Scientific American

As long as we keep filling up natural wetlands and marshes, building [expensive] hotels and resorts in these areas prone to hurricanes, it's only a matter of time before a hurricane creates another disaster in this area worse than Hurricane Andrew.

Monarchs in western U.S. risk extinction, scientists say via Reuters

Monarch butterflies west of the Rocky Mountains are teetering on the edge of extinction, with the number wintering in California down more than 90 percent from the 1980s.

Oregon town seeks solutions to wild turkeys, their droppings via The Washington Post

A small Oregon city is asking the state for advice on how to handle a flock of wild turkeys that are ruining gardens and leaving droppings just about everywhere.

Hessian fly is a pest to watch for on cover crops via Wallace's Farmer

Hessian flies are considered an economic pest in the fall because they can cause significant damage that can stunt or kill plants. Hessian fly is a potentially destructive pest in winter wheat.

US West's wildfires spark calls to thin tree-choked forests via ABC News

Wildfires that are blackening the American West in one of the nation's worst fire seasons have ignited calls, including from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, to thin forests that have become so choked with trees that they are at "powder keg levels."

Schumer: \$900k to Battle Invasive Species in Finger Lakes via U.S. News and World Report

Sen. Charles Schumer says the Environmental Protection Agency is awarding almost \$600,000 to help control a recently discovered Hydrilla infestation in Cayuga Lake.

Killing the Pan One Cover Crop at a Time via AgWeb

The eastern half of the U.S. is plagued by 50 million acres of fragipan soil. However, annual ryegrass is showing genuine promise as a battering ram against fragipan, evidenced by yield boosts and sustained success on Upton's farmland.

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Conservation Clip List is a weekly collection of articles distributed by NACD that provides our members and partners with the latest news in what's driving conservation. If you have a relevant submission, please contact your [NACD Communications Team](#).

NACD Blog: [Celebrate SepticSmart Week: Maintain septic systems to protect water quality](#)

In observance of the Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart Week – September 18-22, 2017 – conservation districts nationwide are discussing septic systems and how they can help landowners use them sustainably.

NACD Blog: [NACD's 2018 Farm Bill Requests](#)

Starting with a survey of our members last summer, the Farm Bill Task Force created a set of principles that helped to guide the formulation of NACD's 2018 Farm Bill requests.

[Survey shows cover crops gain in popularity via KTIC](#)

The latest survey on cover crop use shows more farmers are using cover crops on a larger set of acreage, and those farmers using cover crops state they have a variety of benefits.

[US Wildfire Costs Hit Record \\$2.3 Billion: Season Isn't Over via CBS Denver 4](#)

The U.S. government says it has already spent a record \$2.3 billion fighting wildfires this year, and 64 major fires are still burning in 10 states.

[Farm Bill expected to be made before Thanksgiving via KCRG](#)

For the last several months, committee leaders have been visiting states in forums to find out what is needed. Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley expects a bill to get out of committee before Thanksgiving.

[Researchers find cereal rye is effective at reducing *Amaranthus* spp. density in soybean crops via Phys.org](#)

Not all cover crops are equally effective against Palmer amaranth, waterhemp, and other *Amaranthus* spp. weeds. Cereal rye, though, consistently reduced the density of *Amaranthus* spp. weeds, even in the absence of herbicides.

[Reports of Livestock Deaths, Other Ag Losses Trickle in After Harvey via Texas Observer](#)

Since Harvey made landfall three weeks ago, livestock producers have been tallying their losses. Though no official estimate has been given on the number of cows, horses, and other livestock killed in the devastating storm, the final count is likely in the thousands — the 54 counties that bore the storm's brunt are home to about 1.2 million cattle, a quarter of the state's total.

Three at-risk species are now protected under the Endangered Species Act via The Verge

Three new species have been added to the endangered species list: Arizona's Sonoyta mud turtle, the Hawaiian bird 'i'iwi, and a fish called the pearl darter that's found in the Southeastern US. Eleven more species are currently being considered for protection.

Scientists: Ash tree species on brink of extinction via Ithaca Journal

Five prominent species of ash tree in the eastern U.S. have been driven to the brink of extinction from years of lethal attack by a beetle.

Leaked report advises Trump to open Maine monument to commercial forestry via Bangor Daily News

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke advised President Donald Trump to open Maine's national monument to commercial forestry.

\$12M+ given to improve the Chesapeake Bay Watershed via WMAR

The \$12.6 million will go towards grants that will improve the waterways, restore habitats, and strengthen iconic species in the bay.

Op-Ed: U.S. Needs to Be Smarter About Fighting Wildfires via U.S. News and World Report

(Opinion) The U.S. has been engaged in aggressively fighting wildfire for more than a century, spending billions of dollars each fire season to try to button up blazes that have gotten larger and more frequent in recent decades. The truth is far more nuanced, though: For many species, fire is a prerequisite for their health and sustainability.

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Controller Announces Improvements to Mandatory Financial Reports

Last week, the State Controller's Office (SCO) issued a letter to all special districts providing advanced notice that annual special district financial transaction report (FTR) forms have been revised as part of a year-long process to improve the value, accuracy, and standardization of the information that is made available to the public. The SCO collaborated with a working group of local governments and CSDA in its designing of the new forms. [Read](#)

[more...](#)

CSDA Welcomes Butte County Special District Association as Newest Affiliated Chapter

On August 25, the CSDA Board of Directors voted unanimously to sign an affiliation agreement with the Butte County Special District Association (BCSDA). BCSDA becomes CSDA's 15th affiliated chapter and joins the Plumas County chapter as the second local chapter in CSDA's Northern Network. [Read more...](#)

Influence CSDA's 2018 Legislative Agenda

With this year's legislative session nearing its end on Friday, September 15, it is time to start thinking about the statutory changes your district would like to see in 2018. Help CSDA prepare for the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session by taking our [legislative priorities survey](#) and sharing your ideas for CSDA's legislative priorities in 2018. Your response will help CSDA's Legislative Committee plan for next year. The deadline to respond is Sunday, October 15. [Read more...](#)

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Not Too Late for Pre-Conference Activities!



If you are looking for something to do before [CSDA's Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase](#) we have got you covered. Interested in taking part in an educational workshop and bringing some useful information back to your district? "Building Your District Strong" and "SDLA Module 1: Governance Foundations" still have spots available. Hoping to tour a unique special district? Check out the Monterey Regional Airport District

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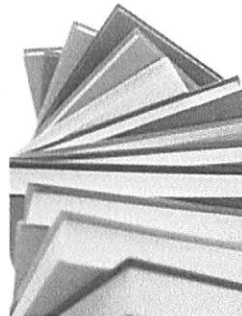
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Get registered as soon as possible for the highly anticipated [Board Secretary/Clerk Conference](#). The early bird discount ends on September 21, 2017, and you will not want to miss out. This conference is specifically designed to educate board secretaries/clerks on various tips and responsibilities to keep your district running smoothly. Whether you're a returning attendee or a first-time attendee looking to get certified, this conference has plenty of educational sessions to check out! [Register here](#).

MEMBER SERVICES

Special Bookstore Discount for Conference Attendees

Coming to conference? You can save on any of CSDA's three most popular publications: Administrative Salary & Benefits Survey, Brown Act Compliance Manual, and the Sample Policy Handbook. The Sample Policy Handbook, delivered on a USB drive, includes a subscription to quarterly updates. This quarter's updates include policies on debt management, internal controls, and public records/electronic document retention submitted by the law firm of [Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley](#).



Order online now – one publication or all three – using promo code OTTER5. Then pick up your items at the CSDA Bookstore at the Annual Conference to save \$5 on each publication and avoid shipping and handling charges.

Not coming to conference? No problem! Use the same promo code to get \$5 off the purchase price of each publication. Offer expires September 30, 2017. Contact [Member Services](#) for more information.

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Cosumnes CSD Awarded \$1.9 Million for FEMA SAFER Grant

California Consulting LLC (CCLLC) congratulates [Cosumnes Community Services District](#) (a CCLLC client) for receiving the [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response](#) (SAFER) Grant in the amount of \$1,947,191 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This award will go to fund eight firefighters. This latest achievement is another example of the commitment of community services district leadership to protect and promote the quality of life for its residents.

Napa County RCD Participates in Coastal Cleanup Day



Napa County residents will have an easy opportunity to help keep Napa clean and healthy by stopping cigarette butts, plastic bags, food wrappers, and other trash from flowing into our ocean. The county will be participating in the **33rd Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day** from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, September 16 at 20 sites throughout Napa County. Details about local Cleanup

locations may be found at [NapaRCD.org](#), [Napa RCD's Facebook page](#), and Instagram account (@WildNapa). The [Napa County Resource Conservation District](#) coordinates

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[Services District](#)

[Principal Management Analyst](#)
[\(Operations & Maintenance\) |](#)
[East Bay Municipal Utility](#)
[District](#)

[Human Resources Generalist |](#)
[San Ramon Valley Fire](#)
[Protection District](#)

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RFP - Classification and Compensation Study

RFP - Water Rights/General Counsel Legal Services

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Napa's Countywide Coastal Cleanup Day. [Read more...](#)

NEW Recognitions in Special District Governance

Patrick Sanchez with the [Vista Irrigation District](#), Audrey Comeaux and Leonard McNeil with the [West County Wastewater District](#), Kathryn Obayashi-Bartsch with the [Squaw Valley Public Service District](#), Jeff Hodge with the [Santa Ynez Community Services District](#), Tim Ruiz with the [East Niles Community Services District](#), Vince Ferrante with the [Moss Landing Harbor District](#), Robert Silano with the [Menlo Park Fire Protection District](#), Ryan Clausnitzer with the [Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District](#), and Noelle Mattock with the [El Dorado Hills Community Services District](#) have all received the [Special District Leadership Foundation Recognition in Special District Governance](#) certificate. [Recognition in Special District Governance](#) was designed to honor special district board members, trustees and staff. It is comprised of two distinct parts: 1) the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy and 2) elective courses.

In addition to individual recognitions, there are also district recognitions. Districts that have a majority of their governing board holding recognitions will receive a Silver Recognition, and districts with their entire board holding recognition will receive a Gold Recognition. The [Chino Valley Independent Fire District](#) has recently achieved Gold Recognition.

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Visit CSDA's Social Media Lounge at Annual Conference...

Be sure to stop by CSDA's Social Media Lounge to kickback, relax, and learn about our *Districts Make the Difference* public outreach campaign. We're also giving away two Amazon Kindle Fires! Booth visitors will simply 'Like' our Facebook pages and 'Follow' our Twitter accounts for a free entry into the drawing. Winners will be contacted after the conference and do not need to be present to win. #SeeYouThere! #CSDAConf17

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Voter Initiatives to Raise Taxes Are Not Restricted by Prop 218

On August 28, the California Supreme Court handed down a 5-2 decision that some legal commentators believe may result in an easier process for citizens to levy new local taxes through voter-sponsored ballot initiatives. At its core, the court's

ruling states that ballot initiatives generated by citizens are not subject to the same constraints faced by local governments through Proposition 218. Specifically, the court held that a voter initiative proposing a general tax can be presented to voters at a special election, whereas Prop. 218 prohibits local governments from presenting a general tax to voters at a special election. Passed by voters in 1996, Prop. 218 prescribes the methods local governments must follow to levy new taxes and fees, including the vote thresholds that must be met to approve proposed taxes. [Read more...](#)

Only One Month Left for Students to Enter to Win \$2,000

There's only one month left for students to enter the 2017 Student Video Contest and have a shot at winning the \$2,000 first-place scholarship prize. Do you know a student who may be interested? Do you know a teacher, principal, superintendent, or school board member that could help promote the contest? Spread the word! Students still have time to create a 60-second video and [enter the competition](#), but hurry! The application period ends Friday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. [Read more...](#)

LAST CALL: CSDA Seeking Bill Proposals for 2018

Do you have an idea to create, improve, or eliminate a law affecting special districts throughout the state? CSDA is inviting our members to submit ideas for legislation that may be selected as a CSDA sponsored bill for the 2018 legislative session. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, September 29. [Read more...](#)

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Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) Conference

February 4-7, 2018 in La Quinta

April 15-18, 2018 in Monterey - *First time and advanced attendee track*

July 8-11, 2018 in Napa

SDRMA Safety/Claims Education Day

March 20, 2018 in Sacramento

Special Districts Legislative Days

May 22-23, 2018 in Sacramento

General Manager Leadership Summit

June 24-26, 2018 in Lake Tahoe

CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase

September 24-27, 2018 in Indian Wells

Special District Board Secretary/Clerk Conference

October 22-24, 2018 in Lake Tahoe



Visit CSDA's Social Media Lounge at Annual Conference!

Is your district using social media to increase public outreach? Visit CSDA's Social Media Lounge at Annual Conference in Monterey to discuss how to effectively use social media channels, like Facebook and Twitter, to better reach your community. Learn about CSDA's own public outreach campaign, Districts Make the Difference, and get tools for your district to increase public awareness and understanding of special districts.

What is a good social media post without a picture? Our Social Media Lounge will feature a free photobooth so you can capture your favorite Annual Conference memories. #CSDAConf17 #SeeYouThere

Lounge visitors will also have a chance to win one of two Amazon Kindle Fires! Simply show our social media team that you 'Like' our Facebook page and/or 'Follow' us on Twitter for entry into the drawing. Winners will be contacted after the conference and do not need to be present to win.

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Join a CSDA Committee for 2018!



CSDA's strength and effectiveness as an organization is directly related to our ability to involve the member district board members and staff, and Business Affiliate members in the work of the association. The talents and energy that both groups bring to CSDA and to the issues that concern special districts in California through active involvement are critical components of CSDA's success.

With this in mind, we are asking for volunteers from your district or company (staff and/or board members) to participate and contribute on one or more of our committees and/or Expert Feedback Teams to assist in shaping CSDA. [Read more...](#)

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[Administrative Analyst II](#)

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RFP - I-580 Express Lanes Evaluation Study

RFP - Consulting Architectural Services

RFP - Classification and Compensation Study

"Dump and Drain After the Rain" to Prevent Mosquito Breeding Sources

The Riverside County Department of Public Health confirmed that a La Quinta resident tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This is the Coachella Valley's first human case of WNV infection this year. In response, the [Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District](#) will be in La Quinta to set additional traps, increase larval surveillance to identify mosquito breeding sources, and carry out larval and adult control as necessary in an effort to reduce the number of mosquitoes and protect public health. Residents are urged to assist in reducing mosquito populations particularly after the recent rains. While those rains brought cooler temperatures to the Coachella Valley, the water left behind provides havens for potentially virus-spreading mosquitoes. [Read more...](#)

[View and download open RFPs and RFQs from the RFP Clearinghouse.](#)

For information on posting an RFP/RFQ or job opportunity, please call 877.924.2732.

Former Military Base Opened as Public Park



For the first time in 37 years, the summit of Mount Umunhum is open to visitors. The new public park, formerly the site of a Cold War era radar tower, offers stunning views of Santa Clara Valley and the San Francisco and Monterey bays. The [Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District](#) bought the 3,486-foot peak in the Santa Cruz Mountains for \$261,566 and spent \$25 million over the past several

years preparing the site for public access. The summit, which links to the 550-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail, opened to the public at dawn on September 18. The mountaintop park includes a 53-car parking lot, does not allow dogs, and will open from sunrise to sunset. [Read more...](#)

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New Video Demonstrates Special District Impact on Rural Community

CSDA's public outreach campaign, Districts Make the Difference, just released a new video

that aims to increase understanding and awareness about California special districts. Today's video features the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) and showcases how the special district positively impacts nearly all aspects of life in the rural, unincorporated town of McKinleyville, CA. [Read more...](#)

State Corrects Source of Long-Standing Misnomer About Special Districts

State Controller Betty Yee has unveiled updates to California's Local Government Financial Data website, www.ByTheNumbers.sco.ca.gov, improving reporting accuracy and public accountability for local government. CSDA worked with the State Controller's Office (SCO) for more than a year in search of a solution to better represent data related to independent special districts on the SCO's website. [Read more...](#)

Pension Reductions Anticipated for Two Special Districts in Default with CalPERS

Two special districts have been found in default of their financial obligations to the California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS). At a September 19 meeting of the CalPERS' Finance and Administration Committee, the Trinity County Waterworks District #1, and the Niland Sanitary District were found to be in default of their financial obligations to CalPERS as a result of nonpayment following the termination of their CalPERS contracts. If payment arrangements cannot be made prior to CalPERS' December Board of Administration meeting CalPERS will reduce the retirement benefits of the retirees from those two districts. [Read more...](#)

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Upcoming Ethics AB1234 Compliance Webinar

All those who need to complete their required Ethics AB1234 Compliance training are strongly encouraged to register for CSDA's live webinar on November 8, 2017. Best

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Best and Krieger will be covering general principals and state laws relating to ethics.
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Congratulations to the 2017 CSDA Award Winners

A big congratulations to all of this year's CSDA Annual Award winners. Individuals and districts both received awards acknowledging their achievements in various areas including exceptional public outreach, leadership, and innovations. The awards were presented at this year's Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase held September 25-28 in Monterey. Winning submissions from each category are as follows:

Exceptional Public Outreach (Large District Category)

Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District
"Worth Your Fight" Campaign

Innovative Program/Project of the Year (Large District Category)

Desert Recreation District
Adaptive/Therapeutic Recreation Program

Innovative Program/Project of the Year (Small District Category)

Feather River Recreation & Park District
Riverbend Park: Phase 1 Project

Staff Member of the Year

Louis Solana, Ironhouse Sanitary District

Board Member of the Year

Gary Bales, Monterey Regional Waste Management District

General Manager of the Year

Jon Newby, West Valley Sanitation District of Santa Clara County

Ralph Heim Exceptional Outreach & Advocacy Award

Jennifer Poland, Hi-Desert Water District

Chapter of the Year

Contra Costa Chapter of CSDA

If you have any questions on how to submit an award application for 2018, please contact Editor-Communications Specialist Charlotte Lowe at (877) 924-2732 or charlottel@csda.net.

DISTRICT PRESS

New Statewide Network of Local Government Public Engagement Staffers

The Institute for Local Government's Public Engagement Program, in partnership with the Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership, is establishing a New Statewide Network of Local Government Public Engagement Staffers. Help ILG identify local government employees who are tasked with public engagement duties by taking this short survey or forwarding it to others in your agency. ILG's intention is to create a network of local government employees who can support each other in carrying out public engagement, share best practices and ask questions. We will be circling back with those who respond to the survey in the fall with opportunities to help shape the network.

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Recreation Services Manager |
Pleasant Valley Recreation
and Park District

Director of Administrative
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Public Utility District

Operations & Maintenance
Superintendent | Marina Coast
Water District

Operations Superintendent -
Water Distribution | Fair Oaks
Water District

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RFP - Executive Recruiter Services for the District Director

RFP - I-580 Express Lanes Evaluation Study

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Please contact Hanna Stelmakhovich with ILG at hstelmakhovich@ca-ilg.org for more information about this project.

Career Compass: Leading by Living Your Values



The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Coaching Program recently published its 57th Career Compass column entitled "[Leading by Living Your Values](#)" which explores how values should guide our decisions and actions, especially in times of uncertainty and change. If you have missed these articles on leadership and career development topics, we encourage you to check it out.

You can view all of the Career Compass columns [here](#).

Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approvals

Congratulations to the [Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District](#) for their first time approval as a Transparency Certificate holder and to the [Costa Mesa Sanitary District](#), [Cucamonga Valley Water District](#), [McKinleyville Community Services District](#), [Mesa Water District](#), [Orange County Cemetery District](#), [Port San Luis Harbor District](#), [Rancho Murieta Community Services District](#), [Santa Clara Valley Water District](#), and [South Tahoe Public Utility District](#) for successfully renewing their applications for the Transparency Certificate of Excellence program through the [Special District Leadership Foundation \(SDLF\)](#). This program promotes transparency in the operations and governance of special districts and provides special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency. This is an SDLF sponsored program so it is free for districts to participate and receive recognition by completing the [checklist of requirements](#).

If you have any questions on SDLF and its programs, please contact Beth Hummel, program assistant, at bethh@sdlf.org or (916) 231-2939.



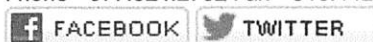
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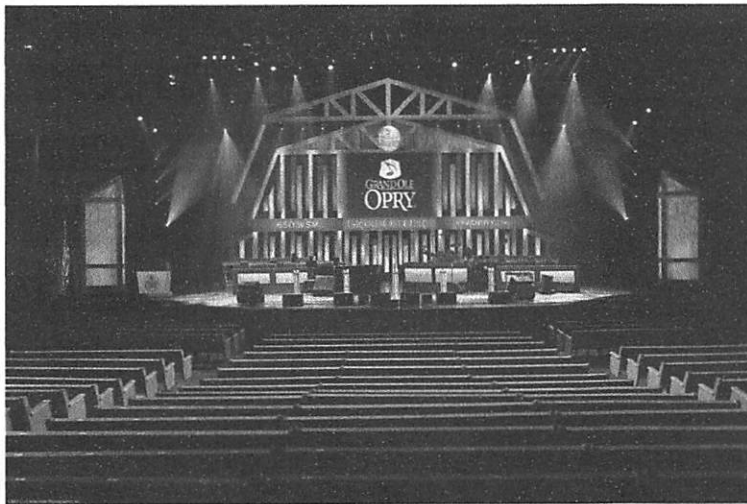


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OUR 2018 ANNUAL MEETING TOURS ARE SCHEDULED – WHICH WILL YOU BE ON?

NACD is heading to Nashville for our 72nd Annual Meeting from January 27 to 31, 2018! The [agenda is posted on NACD's website](#), along with the instructions on how to reserve your hotel room at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, apply for a first-timer scholarship, and/or become a meeting sponsor or exhibitor!



The 2018 NACD Annual Meeting will feature **EIGHT** tours of Nashville and the surrounding area. On Saturday, attendees can join the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts on a morning tour of Tennessee historical sites and museums, and/or in the evening, enjoy a show at the Grand Ole Opry.

Tour descriptions of all eight Annual Meeting tours are [available here on NACD's website](#). Signing up for a tour is easy – just indicate which one(s) you'd like to attend when you [register for the meeting here](#). And don't

National conservation district survey to be launched soon

Before our upcoming annual meeting in Nashville, NACD will be asking its conservation district and state/territory members to complete an annual survey.

The purpose of this survey is two-fold:

- To dramatically lessen or eliminate the need for NACD ad hoc surveys throughout the year.
- To inventory conservation district demographics and needs to enhance NACD's future advocacy efforts and direct services to conservation districts.

We will be seeking a single response to the survey from each conservation district, so districts should complete the survey as a board.

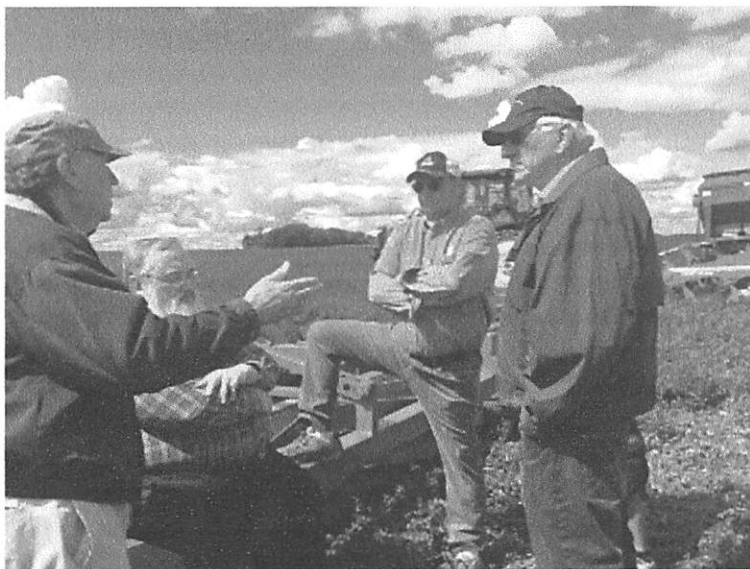
As an added bonus, every conservation district that completes the survey will be entered into a drawing for a FREE registration to attend NACD's 2018 Annual Meeting in Nashville!

Stay tuned to eResource for more annual survey details!

Update from the field:

forget! You save \$15 when you register online!

CTIC CONSERVATION IN ACTION 10TH ANNUAL TOUR



Last week, the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) hosted their 10th annual Conservation in Action Tour in their “hometown” of West Lafayette, Indiana, with approximately 180 attendees from across the country.

NACD First Vice President and CTIC Board Member Tim Palmer was in attendance, along with Director of Development Melisa Augusto and North Central Representative Beth Mason. Pictured above is a great example of the candid conversations that took place throughout the tour. On the far right is Jim Lake, former NACD staff member and CTIC founder, talking with Mike Sharkey (at center), an Indiana farmer and NACD Soil Health Champion.

Plans for next year's tour at the Delmarva Peninsula in the Chesapeake Bay area are already underway. Be sure to visit the [CTIC website](#) for more information as it becomes available.

NACD WASHINGTON D.C. UPDATE

Last week, Congress and President Trump came to an agreement on how to fund the federal government into Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, which starts October 1: a continuing resolution (CR) through December 8, 2018.

Districts in Texas regrouping after Harvey

More than 1.2 million head of beef cattle are raised in the area impacted by Hurricane Harvey, along with a significant portion of Texas' corn and soybean production. Texas agriculture has been hit hard - two conservation district offices are still closed and some districts have had to postpone regular meetings while folks work to put their homes and lives back together.

All members of the conservation partnership in Texas and surrounding states are working together to get conservation district offices open and the needs of producers met as quickly as possible. Two special Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP) have been put in place to assist producers with recovery. One is a special sign-up to assist with livestock mortality and carcass disposal, and the second is a special sign-up to address conservation concerns specific to flooding, wind damage, and excessive runoff. Texas also has 15 teams spread out across the recovery area working with local sponsors for Emergency Watershed Program needs.

**CDI visits with USDA
undersecretary nominee
Bill Northey**

Once the CR ends, Congress will once again have to figure out what to do to prevent a government shutdown.

You may be wondering how a government shutdown can affect conservation districts, or even what “continuing resolution” means. That’s why NACD Director of Government Affairs Coleman Garrison *[posted this story on NACD’s blog](#)*. Read this short post to get the most up-to-date information on the federal annual appropriations process and what to expect next.

You may have also received information from NACD last week regarding a new USDA reorganization proposal. You can read more about the proposal and NACD’s take *[here on our blog](#)* as well.



JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ALABAMA

In western Birmingham, Alabama, the Jefferson County Conservation District is partnering with Project Hopewell, the Hillman Neighborhood Association, and the Lawson State Community College Culinary Department to increase access to fresh foods and promote their importance among members of the Hillman neighborhood, a food desert challenged by underemployment.



Members of Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) met with Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey just days after he was nominated to be the Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation for the USDA. CDI scheduled the meeting to discuss commissioner expenses and other budgetary matters, but was happy to meet with the Secretary and congratulate him in person. Secretary Northey, who served as a soil and water conservation district commissioner in Iowa for eight years, also spoke at the NACD Summer Forum and Tour this July.

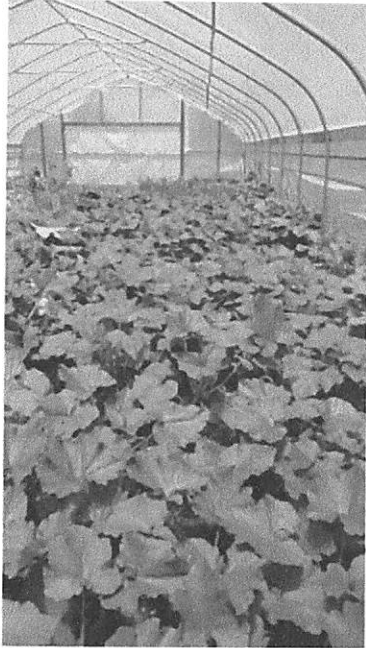
Pictured above is Robert Lynch, CDI president; Alex Schmidt, CDI vice president; Dennis Carney, incoming CDI vice president; and Catherine DeLong, CDI water quality specialist. Also at the meeting was Mike Naig, Iowa Deputy Secretary for Agriculture.

The next NCP webinar is here!

The third webinar installment of the National Conservation Planning Partnership’s “What Works in the Field” series is coming up! On Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 – 2:00pm Eastern, attendees will learn about “Planning Before Programs” from

The project began with volunteers clearing a tornado-damaged urban lot of weeds and old fencing. Next, the ground was leveled, an educational hoop house was erected, irrigation was installed, and seeds and produce were planted.

District staff worked with a project coordinator – a hire made possible through a 2016 NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation grant – to provide college and high school culinary arts teachers and their students use of the high



tunnel. A "planting ceremony" was held for local and state representatives to tour the Hillman High Tunnel grounds, learn about the project's value to the community, and plant mustard seed, collard greens, kale, and flowers.

During other community events, residents explored the history of the neighborhood and enjoyed freshly-cooked greens harvested from the hoop house. The district has held workshops at the high

tunnel as well, and says the project continues to grow with the support of a neighboring church and local high school students.

NACD SOIL HEALTH CHAMPIONS TO HEADLINE 2ND ANNUAL COVER CROP, SOIL HEALTH CONFERENCE

this edition's host, South Dakota. [This and previous NCPP webinar recordings will be available here.](#)

Job opening: Illinois state executive director

The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts is searching for a new executive director to manage the association's activities to empower Illinois' 97 SWCDs. The [full job description is available here](#) and applications are due by September 29.

Need to honor a district official? Check out these service pins!



Honoring your local district officials? Look no further than [NACD's Marketplace](#), where you can order commemorative service pins. There are blank district employee pins, as well as district official pins honoring five to 50 years of service! Pictured above is the 30-year anniversary pin with inset jewel. [Click here to browse the full selection.](#)

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COVER CROPS & SOIL HEALTH HARVESTING THE POTENTIAL

DECEMBER 7-8, 2017 • INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The 2017 National Conference on Cover Crops and Soil Health will be held December 7-8 in Indianapolis. Whether you are a farmer contemplating using cover crops for the first time, or you have years of experience to share, this meeting will provide you with networking and practical learning opportunities.

NACD Soil Health Champions *Jimmy Emmons of Oklahoma* and *Keith Berns of Nebraska* are headlining the meeting as speakers alongside David Montgomery, a geologist and author of *Growing a Revolution: Bringing Our Soil Back to Life*, and Corn Belt farmers Dan DeSutter and Trey Hill.

Over 40 presenters, nearly half of them farmers with years of cover cropping experience, will be speaking during breakout sessions on planting green and interseeding cover crops, grazing cover crops, managing herbicide resistant weeds with cover crops, as well as new approaches to measuring soil health, building soil organic matter, and understanding soil biology.

Optional farm tours near Indianapolis will also be available. To learn more about the meeting's agenda, [head to the Soil and Water Conservation Society's website](#).

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- North Central Region Meeting - January 4 - 5, 2018
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DON'T FORGET TO PACK-A-BOOK!



NACD's upcoming *Annual Meeting in Nashville* – January 27 – 31, 2018 – will mark the eleventh year running for the community outreach program “*Pack-A-Book*.” Through your generosity, NACD's Pack-A-Book has put more than 1,000 conservation-themed books in the hands of elementary

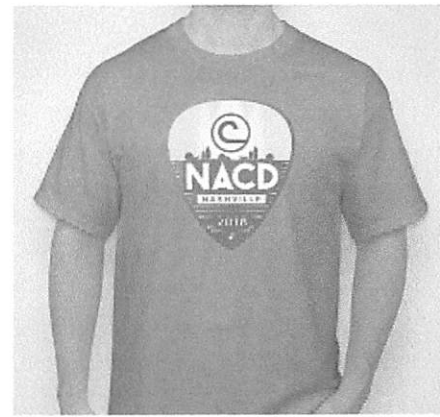
students. The 2018 recipient of Pack-A-Book proceeds will be Dodson Branch School in Jackson County, Tennessee, home to 290 students grades K-8.

You can be a part of this project by packing one or more natural resource, environmental, or conservation-related book(s) for your trip to Nashville. Simply drop them off at the Stewardship and Education Exhibit in the Conservation Expo Hall sometime during the 2018 Annual Meeting, or contact stewardship@nacdn.net for shipping instructions. A label with your name and conservation district affiliation will be placed in the inside cover of each book you donate.

NACD RELEASES 2018 FARM BILL REQUESTS

Over the past year and a half, NACD's Farm Bill Task Force, currently chaired by NACD First Vice President Tim Palmer, has worked to create a set of policy requests for the 2018 Farm Bill.

Have you ordered your 2018 Annual Meeting t-shirt yet?



NACD is selling t-shirts featuring NACD's 2018 Annual Meeting theme - Conservation Takes Center Stage in Music City - for only \$15! Stop by NACD's Marketplace to order your 100% cotton t-shirt, as well as other branded polos, shirts, or jackets you might need for January's meeting in Nashville.

You only have until December 30 to reserve your limited edition Annual Meeting shirt though, so place your order soon! You'll be able to pick up your t-shirt(s) at the Stewardship and Education Booth in the Conservation Expo when you arrive at the Gaylord Opryland and Convention Center for the meeting.

NACD is hiring!

NACD is currently seeking a full-time South Central

Starting with a survey of our members last summer, the Task Force created a set of principles that helped to guide the formulation of *NACD's 2018 Farm Bill requests*. NACD's Government Affairs Team will now be taking these requests to the Senate and House Agriculture Committees and other members of Congress, detailing the policies and funding levels NACD supports for the next 2018 Farm Bill.

As we move forward, we would encourage you to contact your members of Congress directly so that they may hear from you – their constituents – who work to put conservation on the ground through farm bill programs regularly. If you have questions or need more information, please contact NACD's Director of Government Affairs Coleman Garrison at coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org.

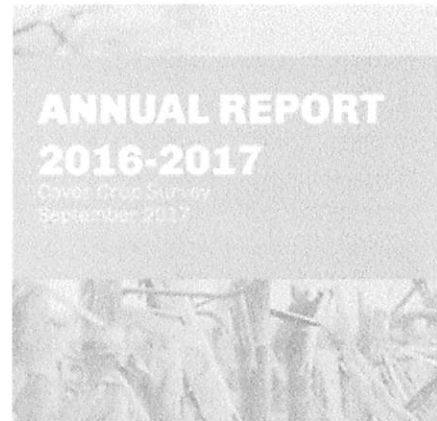
NACD SOUTHWEST-PACIFIC MEETING BRINGS HUNDREDS TO ARIZONA



The Arizona Association of Conservation Districts hosted the joint Southwest and Pacific Regions meeting in Tucson, Arizona, last week for over 230 conservation district board members and district employee attendees. The meeting included presentations on successful partnerships and projects from Arizona, Utah, and Idaho, plus a talk given by Sadie Lister, member of the NACD's Tribal Outreach and Partnership Resource Policy Group (TOP RPG), and Michael Crowder, NACD's second vice president and TOP RPG chairman, on the RPG's efforts to increase access to technical assistance for

Representative. The ideal candidate will be based in the region and familiar with the work of conservation districts and NACD. Applications are due on October 6, and the [complete description can be found here](#).

Annual cover crop report released



The fifth consecutive national cover crop survey was published online this weekend by the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) and its partners: Purdue University, USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, and the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA).

The survey's more than 2,000 farmer respondents reported increased yields in corn, soybeans, and wheat, plus improved control of herbicide-resistant weeds following the use of cover crops. CTIC also found that acreage planted in cover crops has nearly doubled in the past five years. [To download the report, visit SARE's website](#).

SepticSmart Week kicks off

historically underserved landowners.

Callie Hendrickson, a member of the National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition, informed the group about feral horse impacts on landscape-scale conservation efforts in Western states and provided action items for districts to take back to their legislators. Kit Tillotson of Idaho and Wendell Stembridge of Utah were reelected NACD region chairs for the Pacific and Southwest Regions, respectively.

The joint meeting also included a tour where attendees like Travis Thomason, NRCS Pacific Islands Area Director (pictured on the left above), and Roland Quitugua, the NACD board member representing Guam (on the right) learned how the 55,000-acre King Ranch on the Mexican border with Arizona is managing soil erosion, grazing systems, and refuse.

Next year's Southwest-Pacific Regions meeting will be held in Washington state and feature a tour of Michael Crowder's farm. [Stay tuned to NACD's website for more details.](#)

IN MEMORIAM: PAST NACD PRESIDENT BUD MEKELBURG



This week, September 18 – 22, 2017, NACD and its partners in water quality are celebrating [EPA's SepticSmart Week](#), an annual education event focused on helping landowners take proper care of their septic systems.

You can [visit NACD's blog for more homeowner resources and information](#) about SepticSmart Week 2017. At the bottom of that post, you'll also find a link to a media toolkit stocked with FREE social media messages, proclamations, key brochures, and guides for your use.

Mark your calendar: BLM webinar

Thursday, September 21, from 1:00 to 2:30pm Eastern, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be holding a webinar to discuss its "Report on Streamlining Planning and NEPA."

Earlier this year, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke directed the BLM to report on and implement improvements to its land-use planning and NEPA processes. This webinar will allow participating counties to understand the contents of the report and raise any questions or provide additional input before it is finalized.

The session number is 902-459-627 – [click here to join](#). Please

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"Planning135" and case sensitive.

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Milton "Bud" Ernest Mekelburg, NACD's president from 1982 to 1984, passed away on September 14 at the age of 82. In the late 1950s, Bud helped build the Yuma Soil Conservation District in Colorado, later taking on leadership roles with the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, and ultimately NACD. Bud was also the recipient of NACD's 2007 Distinguished Service Award.

He enjoyed traveling all over the U.S. during his tenure with NACD, meeting farmers to see what methods they were using to conserve soil and water and discovering how he might better serve their needs, as well as their districts'. Bud maintained great interest in his home conservation district throughout his life and particularly enjoyed seeing terraces, windbreaks, and other soil conservation practices installed on neighbors' fields. He practiced many of the soil conservation ideas on his own farm as well, including terraces, stubble mulch, and wildlife habitat enhancements.

NACD and the whole conservation family sends its condolences to Bud's family and friends. For information regarding Bud's memorial service, *please visit the Baucke Funeral Home's website.*


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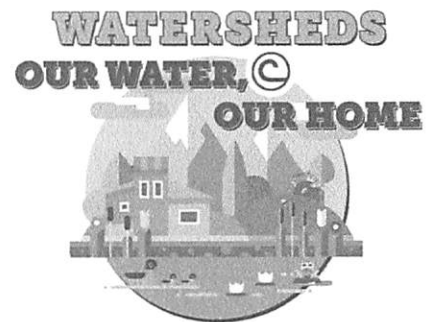
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NACD LEADERS ADDRESS NASCA, NWC CONSERVATION CONFERENCE



NACD President Brent Van Dyke (pictured) delivered a keynote address to the joint Conservation Conference of the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) and the National Watershed Coalition (NWC) on September 25 in Nebraska City, Neb. In his remarks, Van Dyke discussed conservation districts' vision of the future and updated the 185 meeting participants on NACD's programs to continue strengthening the delivery of locally-led conservation.

**New educational materials
in NACD's Marketplace!**



NACD's 2018 "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home" educational materials are now available for print on demand AND free download in our Marketplace. To learn more about NACD's stewardship program, visit our website or contact us at stewardship@nacdnet.org.

**Keep an eye out! NACD's
annual survey will be sent
to all members October
2nd**

On Monday, October 2, NACD will email every conservation district with a link to complete our annual survey. The survey's questions will cover your district's administrative structure, community roles, funding needs, and more, and take about 30 minutes to complete.

The feedback you provide will: (1) dramatically lessen or eliminate the need for NACD ad hoc surveys throughout the year, and

Also attending the meeting are NACD First Vice President Tim Palmer, NACD CEO Jeremy Peters, and Director of Projects and Partnerships Rich Duesterhaus. Peters updated conference attendees on NACD's and its national conservation partners' efforts to build technical assistance and conservation planning capacity through conservation districts. Palmer will address attendees on Wednesday, September 27 on NACD's Farm Bill Principles and Requests.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING TOURS SET!

NACD is heading to the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in January for our 72nd Annual Meeting! We hope you'll join us January 27 – 30, 2018 for the opportunity to connect with and learn from upwards of 1,000 landowners, partnering organizations, companies, and government agencies.

NACD's 2018 winter meeting will feature EIGHT tours of Nashville and the surrounding area. A few weeks ago, we featured two of the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts' tours. This week, we're spotlighting the NACD Auxiliary's **Historical Civil War Adventure** and **Spectacular Country Music** tours to be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.



On the **Historical Civil War Adventure** tour, attendees will visit several historic Civil War sites in Tennessee, including the Carnton Plantation and the Carter House, and explore the charming city of Franklin. On the **Country Music Spectacular** tour, attendees will visit the

(2) inventory your needs so we can enhance our future advocacy efforts and direct services to our members.

We are only able to use one completed survey per conservation district, so it is crucial that your board of directors complete this survey in concert.



As a perk for participating, every conservation district that completes the survey will also be entered into a drawing for a FREE registration to attend NACD's 2018 Annual Meeting in Nashville.

Conservation job openings!

...NACD is seeking a South Central Representative

NACD is currently seeking a full-time South Central Representative. The ideal candidate will be based in the region and familiar with the work of conservation districts and NACD. Applications are due on October 6, and the complete description can be found here.

...OACD is hiring an executive director

The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, based in Salem, Oregon, is seeking an executive director to help manage and develop programs that support

Johnny Cash Museum, enjoy great food and Southern hospitality at Puckett's, and experience the Country Music Hall of Fame.

You can save your seat on [any of the available tours](#) when you [register to attend the 2018 annual meeting here on NACD's website](#). And don't forget! **When you register online, you'll receive a \$15 discount!**

DID YOU KNOW?



Interesting Facts & Anecdotes

from your District Operations and Member Services Committee

This month's *Did You Know?* was authored by Mike Brown, executive director of the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) and Associate Board Supervisor of the Kent Conservation District in Delaware.

Attacks on our traditional system of conservation delivery are coming from all angles – even Congress in recent months, Brown writes. Our detractors say the traditional system of conservation delivery is not capable of addressing today's agri-environmental problems, and that agriculture should be more heavily regulated because voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs don't work.

How can we counter these claims and better demonstrate the effectiveness of our conservation partnership? Brown gives four bulleted recommendations to conservation districts, plus introduces a new website –

www.whyconservationworks.com – dedicated to demonstrating the effectiveness of the voluntary incentive-based approach to conservation delivery. [Read Mike Brown's full Did You Know? here on NACD's blog.](#)

37 OUT OF 40 CDS IN GEORGIA GATHER IN MACON

Oregon's 45 SWCDs, build on the existing conservation partnership, and represent its members with agencies and the Oregon legislature.

The full job description is [available here](#). To apply, submit the following documents as one, merged pdf to job@oacd.org: (1) a two-page cover letter, (2) resume, and (3) three professional references with contact information.

...Michigan CD seeks watershed coordinator

The Barry Conservation District in Hastings, Michigan, is looking to hire a full-time watershed coordinator to assist in agricultural watershed management implementation. The position requires a two-year degree in a natural resource, environmental, or agricultural field and at least three years of professional experience working in a similar field.

To apply, email your one-page letter of interest and one-page resume as PDFs to [Sarah Nelson](#), executive director of BCD, by October 15. The full position description is [available here](#).

Nature Conservancy accepting proposals for school gardens

The Nature Conservancy is working to promote environmental education through Nature Works Everywhere gardens – plots that model conservation science on a relatable scale. The program is designed for schools, with whom conservation districts can partner and support. Applications are due



Last week, NACD CEO Jeremy Peters traveled to Macon, Georgia, for an organizational meeting of the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts' (GACD) and the launch of GACD's new Georgia Conservation District Initiative, a partnership agreement with USDA NRCS. Peters spoke to approximately 200 attendees – including 110 district supervisors representing 37 out of 40 conservation districts in Georgia – and also participated in a partnership panel. NACD Southeast Representative Phylis Vandevere presented on the District Official Training program and district operations.

The goal of the Georgia Conservation District Initiative is to advance conservation delivery throughout the state. GACD will be contracting with 45 District Program Assistants to provide support to Georgia's 40 local conservation districts and NRCS regional service centers. GACD is looking forward to working with local districts, NRCS leadership, and our conservation partners to take this exciting step forward for Georgia's conservation community.

Pictured above, from left to right, is NACD CEO Jeremy Peters, GACD Executive Director Casey Cox, GACD President Woody Snell, and Georgia State Conservationist Terrance Rudolph.

NACD REPRESENTED AT NASF ANNUAL MEETING

NACD Forestry Specialist Mike Beacom represented the association at the 2017 National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Annual Meeting last week in Charleston, West Virginia. The four-day event was

November 3. Learn more and apply by [clicking here](#).

Soil Health Achievement Award program launched in Oklahoma

The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and the Soil Carbon Coalition will be honoring a high school student with a Soil Health Achievement Award and a \$1,200 scholarship for their community-based efforts to improve soil health and watershed function in Oklahoma. To learn more about this new opportunity, contact [Blayne Arthur](#).

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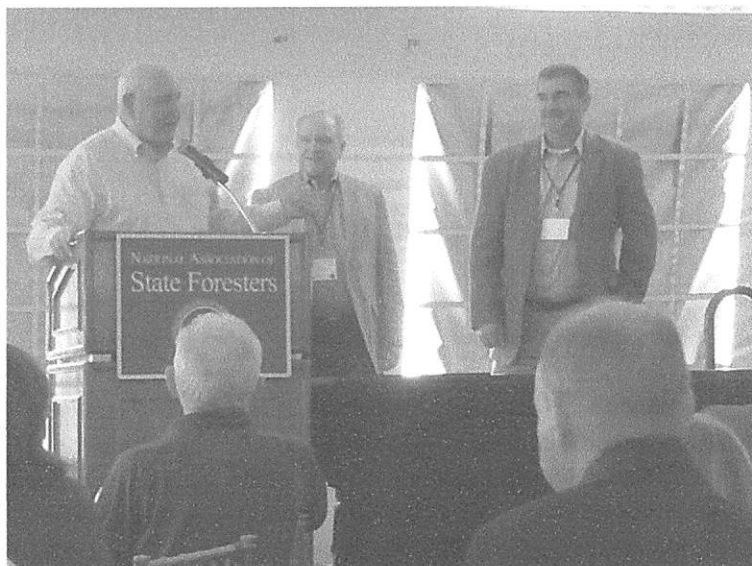
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attended by a variety of partners and helped introduce 13 new state foresters to NASF.



USDA Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and U.S. Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke both addressed the crowd on the impacts of recent wildfires and the importance of establishing partnerships to help manage forest resources. Perdue (pictured above at the podium) also helped recognize former Georgia State Forester Robert Farris (pictured at far right) with the Jim Hubbard Lifetime Achievement Award during the Wednesday luncheon. Joe Fox of Arkansas, the chairman of the NASF Awards Committee, is pictured between them.

The group toured the New River Gorge as well, and observed a wood-cutting competition demonstration organized by members of the West Virginia University woodsmen team.

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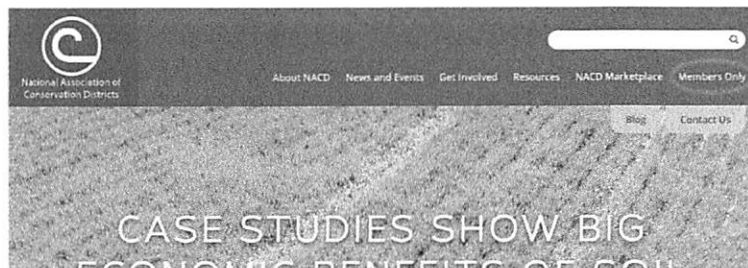


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NACD IS KICKING OFF FALL WITH THE LAUNCH OF AN ONLINE "MEMBERS ONLY" SECTION!

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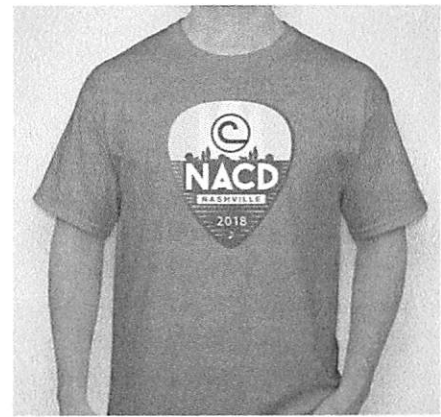


The best part? All Members Only section materials are free and easy-to-download. To learn how your conservation district and state/territory association can utilize these resources, take a look through [this email](#) that was sent to all districts and associations earlier today. If you have questions about dues payments or your NACD account login/password, please contact Director of Membership [Kimberly Uldricks](#).

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ICON TO DELIVER LEADERSHIP KEYNOTE AT NACD'S 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

NACD is pleased to announce that the [2018 Annual Meeting in Nashville](#) will feature Chad Pregracke – the

Limited-edition NACD Annual Meeting t-shirts are still available for pre-order!



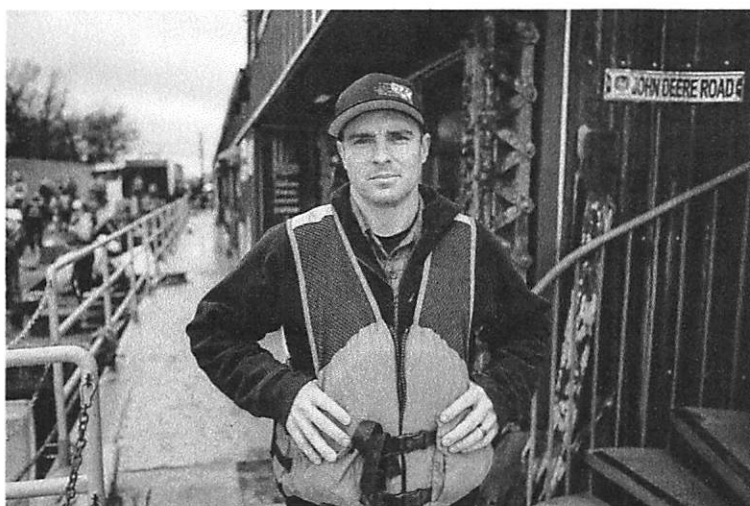
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NACD's offices will be closed Monday, October 9

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founder and president of Living Lands and Waters, a nonprofit river cleanup organization – as the Leadership Luncheon keynote speaker.



Chad had an idea that evolved into a movement to restore one of America's greatest icons: the Mississippi River. Through Living Lands and Waters, Chad and his crew have organized and led over 1,000 community cleanups on 23 rivers in 20 states, removing over 10 million pounds of garbage.

Chad received a standing ovation at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., from all four living former U.S. presidents for his inspirational message on dreaming big, taking action, persevering, leading and collaborating. He is also the recipient of several awards, including CNN's 2013 Hero of the Year award.

To join us in Nashville and hear from Chad and other inspirational conservationists, register to attend NACD's 2018 Annual Meeting – to be held January 27 – 31, 2018 – at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center [here on our website](#).



CHAMPION OF THE MONTH

SPENCER SCOTT OF WADSWORTH, NEVADA

For about a decade, Spencer Scott and his family lived in Washington state's Okanogan Valley farming organic pears, soft fruits, vegetables, and nuts. In 2013, Spencer

Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Welcome to the newest Friends of NACD!

Friends of NACD are individuals who are committed to the conservation of America's natural resources. Big NACD thank-yous go out to **Tom Salzer of Clackamas SWCD in Oregon**, **Peggy Lemons of the Missouri Association of SWCDs**, **Mille Langley of Guilford SWCD in North Carolina**, and **Brenda Anderson of Center CD in Colorado**, who all recently showed their appreciation for our nation's 3,000 conservation districts by becoming a Friend!

Bill Northey to undergo Senate confirmation hearing this Thursday

Thursday morning at 9:30am, current Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey will testify in front of the Senate Agriculture Committee on his nomination to be undersecretary of the newly created Food Production and Conservation (FPAC) mission area at USDA. The undersecretary for FPAC position will oversee NRCS, as well as FSA, and RMA. NACD, along with the National Conservation Partners, recently submitted a letter of support for Mr. Northey's nomination. You can watch the confirmation hearing here.

Mark your calendars: Interseeding webinar next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, October 10 at

made a change by moving to Wadsworth, Nevada, where he formed a partnership with Nevada Ag owner Don Evans to increase food security in Reno and Tahoe.



Through the partnership, Spencer helps provide high-quality produce year-round to residents currently without access to fresh and healthy foods. Today, Spencer farms field crops outside in addition to running a 4,000-square-foot greenhouse outfitted with an advanced hydroponic system.

[“Meet Your Farmer”](#) is a brief introductory video of Spencer and the Nevada Ag operation which was recently produced by the Nevada Department of Agriculture. To read more about Spencer Scott, who is also the co-owner and CEO of Seven Stars Fresh Foods PBC, be sure to visit [his profile](#) on NACD’s website.

2:00pm Eastern, join NRCS’ Soil Health Division for a webinar entitled “Interseeding, Precision Planting, and Management of Cover Crops in a Corn and Soybean Rotation.”

This webinar will teach participants about the benefits of interseeding cover crops, how to identify and use best management practices, and develop plans for installing cover crops on their own operations. Registration for the webinar is free. [Click here](#) to attend or view an on-demand recording of the webinar.

NACD is hiring!

NACD is currently seeking a full-time South Central Representative. The ideal candidate will be based in the region and familiar with the work of conservation districts and NACD. **Applications are due this Friday, October 6**, and the [complete position description can be found here](#).

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NACD Events Calendar

For additional details regarding meetings listed below, [click here](#).

- North Central Region Meeting
- January 4 - 5, 2018
- 2018 NACD Annual Meeting
- January 27 - 31, 2018

If you or someone you know is interested in soil health and would like to become a member of this growing, progressive network, please contact NACD North Central Region Representative Beth Mason at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or 317-946-4463 for more information.

- NACD Summer Meeting -
August 2 - 8, 2018
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