

National Association of Conservation Districts

Memo: Pacific Region Monthly Update - July 12, 2019

To: NACD Board Members; State Association Staff; NRCS State-Level Partners; Other Individuals with an Interest in NACD's Pacific Activities

Hello Pacific Region Colleagues!

With everyone busy with summer activities and in anticipation of NACD's Summer Conservation Forum next month, we are light on updates for the month of July! As usual, however, feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments!

- Kit Tillotson (ID, Pacific Region Chair, kittillotson@gmail.com)
- Tom Wehri (CA, Executive Board Member, <u>wehritom@gmail.com</u>)
- Ariel Rivers (CA, NACD Pacific Region Representative, <u>ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org</u>)

NACD Pacific Updates and News:

- The **2019 Summer Conservation Forum and Pacific/Southwest Joint Regional Meeting** is just around the corner in Santa Fe, NM, August 2-6. If you won't be able to join us for the meeting and listening session, please feel free to share any important updates, comments, suggestions, etc. with Ariel prior to the meeting, so she may share with the broader group.
- Do you feel your state had a successful application process for our 2019 technical assistance
 grants? Please share that information with Ariel. At the 2019 Annual Meeting of State Association
 Executive Directors, we will host a session to review the technical assistance grant application
 process, with the intent of receiving and incorporating your feedback into any future grant programs
 NACD may potentially offer.
- NACD is now accepting applications to present at the 2020 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada (February). Come share successful project activities, outreach events, use the session as an opportunity to get feedback on designing a successful project, or propose any number of other fun activities to conduct with your colleagues. <u>Submit your application online</u> prior to the Sept. 6, 2019 deadline.
- Please keep your eye on the <u>NACD Pacific Region Webpage</u> for additional information. If you have anything to share, please email Ariel (<u>ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org</u>).

Pacific Partner Updates:

American Farmland Trust is hosting a Farmland for the Next Generation: Land Access Train the
Trainer workshop in collaboration with WSU Extension in Spokane, WA on July 31. See more details
and register, online.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- Aug. 2-6, 2019: <u>NACD's Summer Conservation Forum and Pacific/Southwest Joint Regional</u> Meeting (Santa Fe, NM).
- Aug. 4, 2019: Pacific and Southwest joint <u>listening session</u>, to be held at the joint regional meeting in Santa Fe, NM.
- Aug. 31, 2019: Deadline to nominate local leaders in conservation through <u>NACD's Annual Awards</u>!
 Nominations are open until Aug. 31, 2019 to honor awardees at the annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV in Feb. 2020.



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Recent eResource and Blog Posts:

Recent posts and information about successful district projects, your Region Rep's activities, and partnership information.

- Blog: Soil Health Tour Attracts almost 100 Farmers in Glenn County RCD
- Blog: Walnut Orchards and Cover Crops: Telling the Story of the Understory
- eResource: <u>Hawaii Conservation Districts Meet on Molokai for Annual Conference</u>
- **eResource:** Every Acre Counts, Snohomish, Washington

If you have any events, job postings, news, etc. that you would like to share with the group, please let us know, and we will be happy to distribute that information.

Thank you, and take care! Kit, Tom, and Ariel