



National Association of Conservation Districts

Memo: Pacific Region Monthly Update – August 15, 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!

As the summer wraps up, we hope you are enjoying the last of the long, warm days! Many of the Pacific State Associations will host their annual meetings in the fall, so please feel free to reach out if you have any updates, questions or comments as you continue the planning for these events.

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NACD Updates and News:

- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and participate [2019 Summer Conservation Forum and Pacific/Southwest Joint Regional Meeting](#)! A few key details of note:
 - We will send the meeting minutes, complete with state and Resource Policy Group (RPG) reports, to the Board Members when the documents are complete.
 - We received valuable feedback from participants about NACD activities at the Listening Session on Aug. 4. However, attendees noted the need for members to be able to provide anonymous comments about our activities. We will continue to review opportunities for collecting this feedback, and will keep all Board Members and State Leaders updated as we plan for more opportunities for members to discuss our activities with NACD staff and leadership. Please also contact Ariel at any time with any comments or suggestions.
 - For meeting minutes from past meetings, see the [Pacific Region Webpage](#).
- The [National Conservation Foundation](#) recently announced the **Next Generation Leadership Institute**. The leadership development program will select 1 individual from each NACD region to participate in the inaugural year of conservation training, workshops, and networking opportunities; see additional details in the attached fact sheet and [online](#). Candidates may [apply online](#) until Sept. 20, 2019
- NACD has launched a new, interactive hub for conservation education materials at [ConservationLearn.org](#). A login is required, but materials remain free for districts and partners to download and use in their outreach programs.
- Please keep your eye on the [NACD Pacific Region Webpage](#) for additional information. If you have anything to share, please contact Ariel.

Partner Updates:

- Field to Market today announced the launch of their [Continuous Improvement Accelerator](#) as an opportunity for organizations to register and report on the activities of agricultural conservation projects. The Accelerator provides a flexible and streamlined process for measuring sustainability, while bringing more recognition to projects. [Register for a webinar on Sept. 4, 2019, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. \(ET\)](#) and see the attached memo announcing the program to learn more.
- As part of our [MOU with the National Wild Turkey Foundation](#), NACD is seeking success stories related to district involvement in activities related to wild turkey conservation. Please send any information or contacts to Ariel if you are aware of any activities to highlight.

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- Under the [EPA's Local Foods, Local Places](#) program, communities may apply to attend a workshop in which community members will work with experts to develop an action plan that promotes local food and neighborhood revitalization. *Applications are due Sept. 30, 2019.*
- Districts seeking tools, materials or services for specific community projects may apply for [Home Depot's Community Impact Grants](#) on a rolling basis, which provides up to \$5,000 in the form of Home Depot credit.
- The [Native American Agriculture Fund](#) is accepting grant applications to fund tribal activities in their mission areas of business assistance, agricultural education, technical support and advocacy services activities. [NAAF will host informational webinars about the grants on Aug. 3 and Sept. 3, 2:00 – 4:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- **Aug. 31, 2019:** Deadline to nominate local leaders in conservation through [NACD's Annual Awards!](#) NACD will honor awardees at the annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV in Feb. 2020.
- **Sept. 6, 2019:** Deadline to submit proposals for Breakout Sessions at the 2020 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Please submit proposals online.](#)
- **Sept. 20, 2019:** Deadline to apply for the [Next Generation Leadership Institute \(NGLI\)](#)
- **Sept. 22-25, 2019:** [2019 NACD Association Executive Directors Conference.](#) Please send any feedback you may have regarding the NACD Technical Assistance Grant application process to Ariel (ariel-rivers@nacdn.net) so we may discuss these comments at the conference and incorporate suggestions into any future grant programs NACD may potentially offer.

Recent eResource and Blog Posts:

Recent posts and information about successful district projects and regional activities.

- **Blogs:**
 - [NACD Supports Boot Camp Bridge](#)
 - [Washington Conservation Districts are Chipping Away at the Threat of Catastrophic Wildfire](#)
 - [Do You Know Your District's Social Media Policy and Guidelines?](#)
 - [King CD hires staff to address local wildfire concerns](#)
 - [RCD of Greater San Diego County Leads Collaborative Approach to Battling Wildfire](#)
- **eResource:**
 - [Inland Empire Resource Conservation District \(IERCD\), Hispanic Access Foundation \(HAF\) Celebrate Latino Conservation Week](#)
 - [National Conservation Foundation Launches Next Generation Leadership Institute \(NGLI\) Application Period](#)

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

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