



National Association of Conservation Districts

Memo: Pacific Region Monthly Update – May 3, 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!

Welcome to the month of May! In an ongoing effort to increase connectivity across the region, please look forward to regular monthly updates from myself and our NACD Pacific leadership team. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time if you have any issues, concerns, or questions, or to share news or success stories related to your activities!

- Kit Tillotson (ID, Pacific Region Chair, kittillotson@gmail.com)
- Tom Wehri (CA, Executive Board Member, wehritom@gmail.com)
- Ariel Rivers (CA, NACD Pacific Region Representative, ariel-rivers@nacdn.net)

Pacific Updates and News:

- We have a new [Region-Specific Webpage](#)! If you have not seen it already, please visit the site for relevant dates, meeting minutes, trip reports from your Pacific Region Representative's activities, and other news. If you have anything to share, please email Ariel (ariel-rivers@nacdn.net).
- Across the US, the NACD leadership team and region reps are planning **listening sessions** similar to those hosted by the [National Conservation Planning Partnership last year](#). These sessions will be your opportunity to learn more about NACD and how we can support you. Please keep your eye out for upcoming opportunities to engage with us through those sessions and share any information widely so we can capture the perspective of a broad audience.
- Registration for [NACD's Summer Conservation Forum](#) (Santa Fe, NM; Aug. 2-6, 2019) will open the week of May 6! Please register early for several great days of cultural activities, a Pacific/SW combined listening session, region meetings, Resource Policy Group (RPG) meetings, and excellent breakout activities related to policy, district operations, communications, etc.
- [NACD recently announced the first round of successful Technical Assistance Grant applications](#), primarily renewals of grants from our first round of funding. **Pacific districts received over \$700,000** in funding with this first announcement, to support employees working with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and the Conservation Technical Assistance Program (COTA). We will announce successful Tribal Conservation District applications and new applications by beginning of June.
- Spots for [Conservation Planning Boot Camp](#) are filling up quickly, with remaining spots open only in August and September. If you know of people interested in applying, encourage them to contact Kimberly Uldricks (kimberly-uldricks@nacdn.net) soon to secure their position.
- In order to continue our grant portfolio, support of boot camp, Stewardship Week, and other great activities, we rely on the support of you and our districts. Please encourage your districts to pay their dues if they haven't already so we may continue to support these great programs. Quarterly financials were sent to the Board of Directors today and are available on the Board's webpage and the [Pacific Region Webpage](#). If you have issues accessing this information, please contact Ariel.
- For more information on **NACD's investments in the Pacific Region**, see the attached breakdown of our contributions to our various programs.

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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.

- [Birds and Berries – Friend or Foe?](#) - Napa RCD (CA) recently hosted a successful field day with Wild Farm Alliance on the predatory activities of birds in vineyards and other farmlands.
- [NACD Attends OCEAN Connect 2019](#)
- [NACD Attends CARCD Baja Region Spring Meeting](#)

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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