



# National Association of Conservation Districts

**Memo:** Pacific Region Monthly Update – June 13, 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 we are almost halfway into June, a belated welcome to the busy summer months! Your NACD Pacific Leadership would like to send along some relevant updates for the coming months, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments!

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## **NACD Pacific Updates and News:**

- For the first time, NACD is encouraging conservation districts to organize congressional visits during this year's **August Recess**. Our legislative affairs team has put together a helpful resource (attached) to guide districts through the planning process. Please direct any questions to *Coleman Garrison* ([coleman-garrison@nacdn.net](mailto:coleman-garrison@nacdn.net)), *NACD Director of Legislative Affairs*, or contact Ariel Rivers ([ariel-rivers@nacdn.net](mailto:ariel-rivers@nacdn.net)) to learn more about NACD's federal policy activities in the Pacific.
- In April and May, the Pacific welcomed two new NACD Alternate Board members: **Jeff Rola** from Deschutes Soil Conservation District in central Oregon, and **Donald Butz** from the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego in California. We look forward to active engagement from Jeff and Donald!
- [NACD recently announced the second round of successful Technical Assistance Grant applications](#) to cover new conservation district and tribal conservation district applications. **Pacific districts received an additional \$558,000 in funding, for a total of over \$1.2 million** during the 2019 Technical Assistance Grant process. We look forward to working with new districts through this program, and we will continue to highlight [program success stories](#) on our blog.
- Encourage your peers, partners, colleagues, and others to celebrate conservation and NACD's work through our [Friends of NACD program](#)!
- Spots for [Conservation Planning Boot Camp](#) for the remainder of the year are currently full, but we will accept names for the waitlist. Additionally, a new session has been opened to start October 22. To be added to the waitlists, individuals can contact *Kimberly Uldricks* ([kimberly-uldricks@nacdn.net](mailto:kimberly-uldricks@nacdn.net)), *NACD Director of Membership*.
- Please keep your eye on the [NACD Pacific Region Webpage](#) for additional information. If you have anything to share, please email Ariel ([ariel-rivers@nacdn.net](mailto:ariel-rivers@nacdn.net)).

## **Pacific Partner Updates:**

- The **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** is seeking engagement from counties and conservation districts on its land use planning regulations. They will host a webinar on **June 14, 10:00 AM (Pacific time)** to receive input, [register online](#).
- The **US Forest Service** is hosting two webinars about NEPA guidance. [Reference more information online](#).

**June 25, 2019:** 3:30 – 5:00 PM (EDT):

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**July 12, 2019:** 3:30 – 5:00 PM (EDT):

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- The US Fish and Wildlife Service is hosting several **invasive weeds workshops** throughout the Pacific to gain insight on priority invasive weeds for specific counties and to design appropriate management plans. Please share with local conservation partners and, and for more information or with questions, *contact Jess Wenick ([jess\\_wenick@fws.gov](mailto:jess_wenick@fws.gov)), USFWS Biologist.*

The following workshops and target refuges/counties are planned for the coming year:

**Hawaii:** Maui/Oahu, February 3-6, 2020

Kaua'i, February 10-11, 2020

Hawaii (Hakalau Forest), February 13-14, 2020

**Idaho:** Cassia, Blaine, Minidoka, Power Counties (Minidoka and Camas NWRs), October 8-9, 2019

Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties (Little Pend Oreille NWR), April 7-8, 2020

Jefferson, Bear Lake, Bonneville, Caribou Counties (Bear Lake and Grays Lake NWRs), November 10-11, 2020

**Oregon:** Morrow and Umatilla Counties (Umatilla, Cold Springs, McKay Creek NWRs, combined with McNary NWR), July 25, 2019

**Washington:** Klickitat County (Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge), July 22, 2019

Yakima County (Toppenish NWR), July 23, 2019

Benton, Grant, Franklin, Adams Counties (Hanford Reach and Columbia NWR), July 24, 2019

Benton, Walla Walla Counties (McNary NWR), July 25, 2019

## **Upcoming Events and Reminders:**

- **July 1, 2019:** Deadline to submit a presentation proposal to lead an **NACD Urban and Community Webinar**. See [more information online](#) and for more information, contact *Deb Bogar ([deb-bogar@nacdn.net](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdn.net)), NACD Senior Advisor.*
- **Aug. 2-6, 2019:** Registration is open for **[NACD's Summer Conservation Forum and Pacific/Southwest Joint Regional Meeting](#)** (Santa Fe, NM).
- **Aug. 4, 2019:** Pacific and Southwest joint **[listening session](#)**, to be held at the joint regional meeting in Santa Fe, NM.
- **Aug. 31, 2019:** Deadline to nominate local leaders in conservation through **[NACD's Annual Awards!](#)** Nominations are open until Aug. 31, 2019 to honor awardees at the annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV in Feb. 2020.

## **Recent eResource and Blog Posts:**

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

- [Vets on the Farm: Conservation Districts Support Military Veterans in Washington](#)
- [Clackamas SWCD using Community Forest Program to enhance habitat](#)
- [Journey to Leadership – Lessons from Washington State's First Women-Led Conservation Partnership](#)
- [CARCD adds district employees to board](#)
- [IASCD holds Summer 2019 Board Meeting](#)

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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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