Memo: Pacific Region Monthly Update – September 16, 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!

Fall is just around the corner, and we hope you are enjoying the cooler weather! Many of the Pacific State Associations will host their annual meetings soon, 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:

- NACD will send district dues reminders for the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2019. Please see recent contributions by district online, and encourage your districts and neighboring districts to pay their dues to NACD.
- If you are not a Friend of NACD, please consider participating!! Exciting changes are coming to this program, ensuring NACD is able to continue the support of boots on the ground conservation at the district level. See more information online and encourage others to donate to the program!
- The National Conservation Foundation is still accepting applications for the Next Generation Leadership Institute through Sept. 20, 2019. 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 and refer candidates to the online application.
- Registration for the NACD 2020 Annual Meeting is now open! A limited number of first-time attendee scholarships are available for one individual per state or territory; candidates must be nominated by the state/territory association and applications are due Dec. 13. See more information on the 2020 Annual Meeting webpage.
- A number of NACD’s policies will sunset at the 2020 Annual Meeting, which are highlighted in the attached policy book. Attached, you also find a flowchart indicating the process for challenging any of these policies; please submit any challenges to the policies online by Nov. 1, 2019. If you have questions about this process, please reach out to Ariel Rivers (Ariel-Rivers@nacdnet.org).
- If you would like to request an NACD officer or NACD staff member to speak at any events, please fill out the new NACD Speaker Request Form online.
- Please keep your eye on the NACD Pacific Region Webpage for additional information. If you have anything to share, please contact Ariel.

Partner Updates:

- In an effort to conduct broader outreach across the west, the Department of Interior (DOI) has offered to provide speakers for state association meetings. For more information, contact Ariel Rivers (Ariel-Rivers@nacdnet.org) or NACD Natural Resource Policy Specialist Adam Pugh (Adam-Pugh@nacdnet.org). Association’s may request a speaker from the following agencies:
  - US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
Western Sustainable Agriculture and Research Education (SARE) currently has several grants open—for professional development for ag professionals, farmers and ranchers, and combined professional/producer projects—which may be of interest to districts and others. Applications are due early November, with several upcoming webinars describing the programs. See more information about Western SARE’s Grants online.

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.

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.

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. Applications are due Sept. 30, 2019.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- Sept. 20, 2019: Application deadline 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@nacdnet.org) so we may discuss these comments at the conference and incorporate suggestions into any future grant programs NACD may potentially offer.
- Nov. 1, 2019: Deadline to challenge NACD’s sunsetting policies online.
- Dec. 13, 2019: Deadline for state/territory associations to nominate one individual for a first-time scholarship to attend the NACD 2020 Annual Meeting.

Recent eResource and Blog Posts:

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

- Blogs:
  - RCD of Greater San Diego County Leads Collaborative Approach to Battling Wildfire
  - Seeking Leaders in Windy Times
- eResource:
  - Barker Ranch Hosts Farm Bill Listening Session
  - NACD Attends ACS Annual Meeting
  - Soil Health Champions Network Spotlight: NACD First Vice President Michael Crowder
  - NACD, AACD Join ATCA at Training Summit in Alaska

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