Memo: Pacific Region Monthly Update – October 17, 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 the changing weather, state annual meetings are right around the corner! Many of the Pacific region members (OR, ID, CA, WA) will host annual meetings in November and December, and we look forward to exciting news from these events. If you have any updates, questions or comments as you continue the planning, please feel free to reach out!

- Kit Tillotson (ID, Pacific Region Chair, kit.tillotson@gmail.com)
- Tom Wehri (CA, Executive Board Member, wehritom@gmail.com)
- Ariel Rivers (CA, NACD Pacific Region Representative, ariel.rivers@nacdnet.org; (925) 290-8925)

NACD Updates and News:

- The application period for NACD’s 2020 Conservation Careers Workshop is now open.
  Undergraduate students may apply to participate in this valuable educational and networking opportunity to be held at the 2020 NACD Annual Meeting. For more info, contact Keith Owen (keith.owen@nacdnet.org).

- 2020 NACD Annual Meeting Updates:
  - Congratulations to Doug Rushston for being the first Pacific Region member to register for the NACD 2020 Annual Meeting! Early bird registration ends Dec. 14, and first-time attendee scholarships are due Dec. 13. See the NACD 2020 Annual Meeting page for more information.
  - We are now accepting information on items for this year’s Live Auction online. We are asking states to consider items with “personality” that may be unique to the region. If you have questions or need more information, contact Keith Owen (keith.owen@nacdnet.org).
  - 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).

- The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Updates:
  - NCF has kicked off their Fall Fundraising Campaign. Please consider donating to support the important work of NCF to train future conservation leaders.
  - The NCF Envirothon is now accepting bids to host the 2023 international competition, with an eye on the west coast. Please see more information in the bid document, which is due January 15, 2020. Contact Jennifer Brooks (jennifer.brooks@nacdnet.org) for more info.

- 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!

- NACD sent district dues reminders for the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2019. Please see FY2019 contributions by district online, and encourage your districts and neighboring districts to pay their dues to NACD. If you have any questions about contribution levels, etc. please contact Kimberly Uldricks, Director of Membership (kimberly.uldricks@nacdnet.org).

- Please keep your eye on the NACD Pacific Region Webpage for additional information. If you have anything to share, please contact Ariel.

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Partner Updates:

- **NRCS is currently accepting RCPP proposals through Dec. 3.** Learn more on NACD’s blog: [2019 RCPP Applications – What You Need to Know](#).
- Our friend across the region and Pacific Director of the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA), **Tom Salzer will be joining the Washington Association of Conservation Districts as Executive Director in January 2020.** Congratulations to Tom and we look forward to working with Tom in this new role!

Upcoming Deadlines, Events and Reminders:

- **Nov. 1, 2019:** Deadline to challenge NACD’s sunsetting policies online.
- **Nov. 16, 2019:** Application deadline to serve as an NACD Spring 2020 intern.
- **Dec. 1, 2019:** Deadline for undergraduate students to apply to the [2020 Conservation Careers Workshop](#) to be held at the NACD 2020 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **Dec. 3, 2019:** [NRCS RCPP Application Deadline](#).
- **Dec. 13, 2019:** Deadline for state/territory associations to nominate one individual for a first-time scholarship to attend the [NACD 2020 Annual Meeting](#).
- **Dec. 14, 2019:** Early bird registration ends for the [NACD 2020 Annual Meeting](#).
- **Dec. 20, 2019:** Deadline to submit information on donations to the [2020 NACD Annual Meeting Live Auction](#) in order to be included in the color print auction guide.

Recent eResource and Blog Posts:

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

- **eResource:**
  - Benton CD, Local Partners Host Second Annual Riverfest (WA)
  - Napa, Lake County RCDs Partner to Tackle Forestland (CA)
  - Executives Gather in California for Annual Conference (CA)

- **Blogs:**
  - 2019 RCPP Applications – What You Need to Know
  - Do You Know How to Effectively Conduct Your Next Meeting/Teleconference?
  - ESA Update: Recent News on the Endangered Species Act
  - National Conservation Foundation: Investing in Tomorrow

Helpful NACD Links

- [NACD Members Only Section](#)
- [NACD Board of Directors Page](#)
- [NACD 2020 Annual Meeting](#)
- [Friends of NACD](#)
- [NACD Marketplace](#)
- [NACD Speaker Request Form](#)

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