Memo: Pacific Region Monthly Update – November 19, 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!

We’ve been busy across the west with several state annual meetings in the past few weeks (OR, ID, and CA) and one more in December (WA). Thank you to the state associations who have and will host NACD at these meetings, and of course, please reach out to share additional information from these events, or if you have any updates, questions or comments generally.

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NACD Updates and News:
• As of this week, NACD has an additional grant program open to districts, the Friends of NACD District Grants program!
  o We will award four $2,500 grants (funded by donations through Friends) to eligible districts. Please share the attached RFP widely with your districts and encourage members to apply online prior to the Jan. 15 deadline.
  o If you are not a Friend of NACD, consider donating to the program to help sustain this grant program in the future.
  o Please contact Ariel with any questions.
• With the start of the new year just around the corner, several important decisions will be made on NACD’s committee phone calls in the coming weeks (like policy priorities for 2019). Please make sure someone from your state is calling into your assigned committees’ and RPGs’ calls (see attached for assignments). If you have any questions about assignments or times and dates of calls, please contact Ariel.
• The 2020 Pacific and Southwest Region Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of Sept. 14, 2020 (with final dates TBD) on the island of Maui. Please let Ariel know if you plan to attend this meeting so we may plan for appropriate attendance.
• The latest edition of NACD’s The Resource is now available online, which highlights the successful Aquatic Invasive Species Program in CA’s Tahoe Resource Conservation District.
• 2020 NACD Annual Meeting Updates:
  o We have only received one nomination for the first-time attendees’ scholarship from the Pacific Region. Please encourage your state associations to submit names as soon as possible (scholarships are first come, first served), but prior to the Dec. 13 deadline.
  o An additional 10 stipends of $1,000 are available to Soil Health Champions to attend the annual meeting (also first come, first served). Please encourage your SHC to apply by contacting Beth Mason (Beth-Mason@nacdnet.org).
• Please see the Upcoming Deadlines, Events and Reminders section below for other important dates and deadlines for NACD’s grants and other programs.

Partner Updates:
• The Native American Rangeland Training Initiative (NARTI) is currently enrolling students for their online rangeland training courses for 2020. See more information online, including course offerings, student eligibility, prerequisites, and course schedules.
Upcoming Deadlines, Events and Reminders:

- **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. 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.
- **Jan. 15, 2019**, due date for:
  - Applications to the Friends of NACD District Grant Program
  - Applications for NACD’s Urban and Community Grant Program
  - Applications to host the 2023 NCF Envirothon International Competition
- **Ongoing**: National Conservation Foundation Fall Fundraising Campaign
- **Ongoing**: Opportunity to support district grants by donating to Friends of NACD

Recent eResource and Blog Posts:

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

- **eResource**:
  - Governor of Guam Honors Districts at Partner Meeting (Guam)
  - BLM, Policy Experts Meet in D.C. to Discuss Wild Horse and Burro Population
  - Conservation Leaders Meet in Oregon for OACD Meeting (OR)
  - IASCD Hosts Annual Meeting in Boise (ID)
- **Blogs**:
  - Bringing Oaks Back to the Bay (CA)
  - Workshop Helps Expand the Network of Agroforestry Technical Service Providers (WA)
  - Inspiring People, Investing in Tomorrow: NCF Next Generation Leadership Institute
  - Celebrating and Conserving Bats
  - Investing in Tomorrow: NCF-Envirothon Inspires the Next Generation
  - Committee Holds Hearing on Agriculture’s Role in Climate Change

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