



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Pacific-Southwest Region Meeting

Kona, HI

Steve Robinson
President



NACD Mission



"To serve conservation districts by providing national leadership and a unified voice for natural resource conservation."

NACD...

- Represents America's 3,000 conservation districts
- Serves as a voice for districts on Capitol Hill
- Provides information, tools and training to districts
- Builds partnerships and coalitions

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Representing Districts

NACD advocates for districts by:

- Seeking new opportunities
- Building partnerships and coalitions
- Addressing legislative and regulatory issues



Voice in Washington

- Both on Capitol Hill and with Federal Agencies
- Funding for conservation
- Policy and programs
- Rules and regulations





Voice in Washington

- Congressional Testimony
 - Conservation Technical Assistance
 - USDA Information Technology Systems
- 2012 Farm Bill Planning
- Appropriations
- Climate Change Legislation
- Clean Water Act
- Chesapeake Bay Legislation

Info, Tools and Training

- Conveying current conservation news and opportunities
- Providing educational materials
- Creating tools for stronger districts
- Facilitating training and development opportunities



Partnerships and Coalitions

- Critical to districts' success
- Strength in numbers
- National partnerships result in state and local benefits



NACD in Action

- 2010 Board Meeting & Legislative Conference
- Featured speakers
 - Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack
 - NRCS Chief David White
 - FSA Administrator Jonathan Coppess
- Congressional meetings and Hill reception
- Service Project



NACD in Action

- Chesapeake Bay Issues
- NRCS 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Herbicide Resistance Task Force
- Participation at USDA Rural Summit
- Mississippi River Basin Initiative Grants
- NACD Strategic Planning

NACD in Action

- Small Acreage Resources
- Long Leaf Pine Initiative
- America's Great Outdoors
 - Presidential initiative
 - Opportunities for conservation district input
 - www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors

NACD in the West

- NACD Farm Bill Task Force members
 - Roland Quitugua (Guam) & Wade Troutman (WA)
 - Brent Van Dyke (NM) & Hardy von Forell (WY)
 - John McDonald (OR/At-Large) & Gordon Younker (UT/Advisor)
- Executive Board members
 - Steve Miller – Pacific
 - Paul Leishman – Southwest
- Regional Chair and alt Exec Board members
 - Skip Cowell – Pacific
 - Mike Macauley – Southwest

NACD in the West

- Sage Grouse
- Wild Horses and Burros
- Forest Health and Bark Beetle issues
- Open Equal Access to Justice Act
- Ecosystem Services
- Western Joint Forestry Team
- Coastal issues

Be a Part of the Action

1. Weigh in with your ideas
2. Share your success stories
3. Communicate regularly with NACD
4. Support NACD financially and through active involvement
5. Build and maintain strong relationships with your local, state and federal lawmakers

Looking Ahead



2011 Annual Meeting
Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2011

Nashville, TN

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Questions?

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