

UPDATE  
National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Activities\*  
Washington Association of Conservation Districts  
2020 Annual Meeting (Virtual), November 30-December 2, 2020

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- ❖ Discussion of **NACD Pacific region elections** and plan a meeting for region elections - NACD Pacific Region special elections zoom meeting to be scheduled for December. Executive committee representative, chair and vice-chair are up for election.
- ❖ Update on **NACD grant opportunities**.
  1. Friends of NACD grant (up to \$2,500) still available. Applications due by November 30.
  2. Urban and community grants upcoming this fall. \$50,000 for smallish urban project.
  3. TA grants coming in the spring of 2021.
- ❖ Update on NACD's **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) activities**
  1. NACD has a DEI task Force. Meetings every Monday to create a resources tool kit for state associations and CDs. Report being developed including recommendations. Survey was done asking what districts need informed the task force direction.
  2. DRAFT report tentatively at 2021 annual meeting.
  3. Not starting from scratch. A group of people trying to do the right thing.
- ❖ The **2021 Annual Meeting** will be held **online Feb. 1-10** through NACD's virtual meeting hub and will celebrate the theme "NACD's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: A Diamond out of the Dust". Should be a broader audience and increased understanding for conservation. Likely a Zoom platform. .
  1. Fee structure not yet worked out. Have engaged a professional meeting company. Want to get a price point where lots of folks can participate. Staff, partners along with 17,000 CD officials should make for an expanded annual and 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
  2. By-Law Discussions at 2021 NACD Annual Meeting to cover 3 by-laws: 1) reorganization of by-laws in correct order, 2) Affiliate membership (section 13), 3) Finalization of budget process.
  3. Attempting to minimize time zone issues. Intend to space out meetings to minimize zoom burnout. <https://www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/annual-meeting/>
- ❖ **2021 Summer Conservation Forum and Tour July 24-27, Chicago, IL.** July 25, 1946 at the Statler Hotel in Chicago, 18 representatives from 17 states created the National Association of Soil Conservation District Governing Officials. In 1970, during the annual convention in San Francisco, the association's name was shortened to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). <https://www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/summer-meeting/>
- ❖ **Resolutions from WACD going to NACD** (As of November 3, 2020) – summary statements
  1. North Central region –Supporting extending electronic training resources.
  2. North East region – Proposing local conservation district involvement in NRCS local hiring.
  3. South Central region – Proposing support for broadband internet service in rural area.

\*As of November 4, 2020

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