



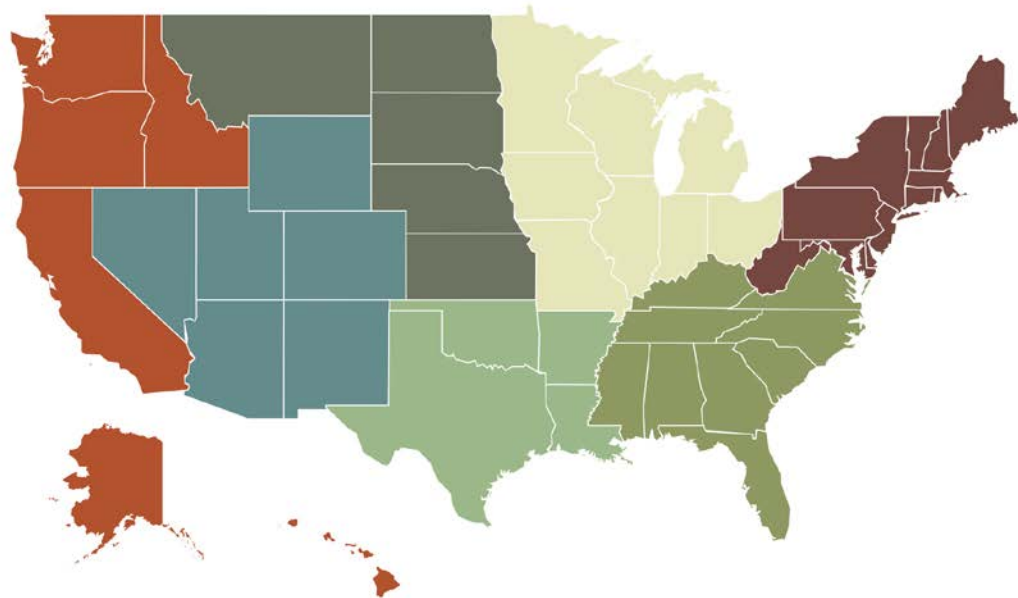
National, State, and Tribal Association Partners

Arizona Association of Conservation Districts

District Training Program

2018

Our Organizational Structure



- ❧ District Cooperators
- ❧ State and Tribal Authorized Conservation Districts
- ❧ State and Tribal Associations
 - ❧ State and Tribal Executive Boards
- ❧ NACD Regions
 - ❧ Regional Chair
- ❧ NACD Board of Directors
 - ❧ NACD Officers and Executive Board



National Association of Conservation Districts



- ❧ NACD's mission is to promote the wise and responsible use of natural resources for all lands by representing locally-led conservation districts and their associations through grassroots advocacy, education and partnerships.
- ❧ The National Association of Conservation Districts represents State Associations and individual Conservation Districts and their cooperators in matters of national legislation and appropriations for over 3,000 member Districts Nation-wide.

NACD History



- ❧ WWII had ended
- ❧ 40 states converged on Washington DC as an “unorganized group.. many voices rather than one.”
- ❧ **Jan 1946** - 17 States go to Chicago, IL, formed NASCDGO – later NACD
- ❧ Frank Gyberg of Cornville, AZ joined them in Chicago to establish the national association.



NACD Roles: Information and Ideas



❧ Obtain Information

- ❧ Congress
- ❧ Organizations
- ❧ Federal Agencies
- ❧ Districts

❧ Promulgate Ideas

- ❧ Legislation
- ❧ Programs
- ❧ Policies
- ❧ Administrative Procedures

❧ Through

- ❧ Committees
- ❧ Teams
- ❧ Task Forces

NACD Roles: Exert Influence



- ❧ Congress - Legislation, Programs, Appropriations
- ❧ Federal Agencies - Policies and Positions
- ❧ Special Interest Groups - Coalitions and Alliances
- ❧ Public
- ❧ Educate Decision Makers
- ❧ Promulgate Ideas
- ❧ Mobilize Public Opinion

- ❧ Through
 - ❧ Cooperators
 - ❧ Districts
 - ❧ Committees
 - ❧ Media
 - ❧ Alliances
 - ❧ Coalitions
 - ❧ Conferences and Symposiums

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AACD Mission 2017

To support Conservation Districts in providing conservation leadership and education, and in addressing local conservation priorities in partnership with landowners, federal and state agencies, tribal & local governments and other partners.

AACD Vision 2017

Arizona's Conservation Districts and their partners provide leadership to achieve significant measurable accomplishments in natural resource conservation.



Arizona Association of Conservation Districts



❧ **February 4, 1944** – 18 Soil Conservation Districts convened in the House chambers at the State Capitol, Phoenix to organize an Association of District Supervisors.

❧ **October 20, 1944** -14 Districts approved the Constitution and Bylaws sent to them.

❧ **December 6, 1944** – First meeting of the Association at the State Capitol, Phoenix. Constitution and Bylaws were approved.

- ❧ K. M. Quinn of Flagstaff was elected President.
- ❧ M.M. Larson of Solomon was elected Vice-President
- ❧ Yates Haywood of Snowflake was elected Secretary-Treasurer
- ❧ C.A. Martin of Scottsdale
- ❧ Frank Gyberg of Cornville were elected Directors.



Functions of the State Association

From the Office of the President, Arizona Association of Soil Conservation Districts, undated



- ❧ To provide means of **cooperation, and unification of the interest of all the Districts within the state**, and to provide for the people of the Districts of the State of Arizona a group which can represent their interests in the furtherance of soil and water conservation.
- ❧ To provide a **means of contact or association with legislative groups or individuals** who locally or nationally may render assistance to the soil and water conservation programs.
- ❧ To **cooperate with the National Association of Conservation Districts, state and federal agencies** in the factual information relative to the problems and accomplishments of the Districts to the end that soil and water be given its rightful recognition among the resources of the State.

AACD Functions



- ❧ **To foster and develop farmer and rancher participation and leadership in conservation and in the affairs of Conservation Districts.**
- ❧ **To establish basic policies and objectives** which are of uniform character, in soil and water conservation work.
- ❧ **To cooperate with all agencies of local, state and national government** that can assist in soil and water conservation efforts.
- ❧ **To create a general awareness of the state and national urgency for conserving and developing our renewable natural resources** to meet the demands of a rapidly expanding population.

AACD Functions



- ❧ To convince all who use or manage land that **Arizona's future depends on the use of each acre within the limit of its capabilities** and the treatment of each acre in accord with its need for conservation, development, and improvement.
- ❧ To **persuade farmers and ranchers that the failure of a few to care for our land and water resources jeopardizes the rights of all** to own, use, and manage land as they see fit.
- ❧ To **work impartially with private and public groups and organizations of all political affiliations**, to prevent the conservation of natural resources from becoming a partisan, political issue.

AACD Functions



- ❧ To secure for Conservation Districts such technical and scientific services from public and private sources as are required to insure universal adoption of conservation farming and ranching methods.
- ❧ To gain full public understanding of the essential role of soil and water conservation in watershed development for such purposes as flood control, water storage, protection of industrial, municipal, and agricultural water supplies, recreation, and wildlife improvement, recognizing all established water rights.
- ❧ To bring about effective coordination of conservation work on public land with that on adjoining or nearby lands in private ownership.

Arizona Association of Tribal Conservation Districts



☞ AATCD Members:

- ☞ Tohono O'odham SWCD
- ☞ San Carlos NRCD
- ☞ White Mountain NRCD
- ☞ Little Colorado SWCD
- ☞ Navajo Mountain SWCD
- ☞ Shiprock SWCD
- ☞ Chinle SWCD
- ☞ Fort Defiance SWCD
- ☞ Hopi SWCD



AATCD Mission



- ✧ The mission of AATCD is to connect tribal conservation districts with available resources, strengthen the voices of native communities and to educate communities and leaders on natural resource conservation and the traditions of native people.