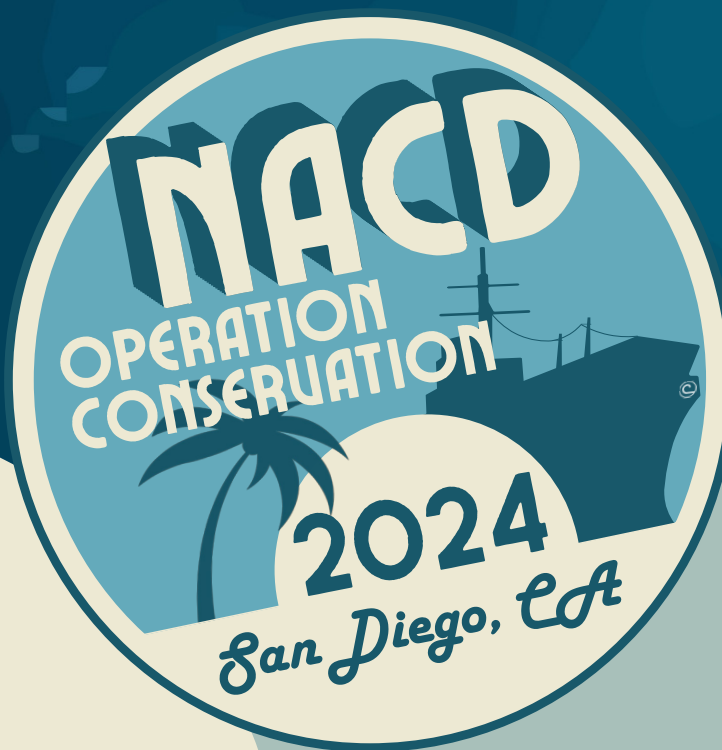


# THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS 78TH ANNUAL MEETING



FEBRUARY 10-14, 2024  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

On behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), welcome to San Diego, California and the 78th Annual Meeting.

We're so glad to see you here in the Golden State for a week of learning and networking with conservation leaders from across the nation. This year's programs are centered around the theme of "Operation Conservation." Throughout the week, we will explore crucial conservation actions, and dive into mission critical ways districts and partners across the nation are addressing our changing climate.

NACD and I extend a special thanks to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts for hosting this year's event. Together, we have put a lot of time and planning into this meeting and are confident that your time here will be exciting and educational. We hope you'll take full advantage of this time to network, learn, and ask questions, so you can return home with new knowledge and ideas for how to best support conservation goals in your local community.

Thank you for your continued leadership, engagement, and dedication to voluntary, locally led conservation. If I, or any of the other NACD officers or staff, can be of assistance to you this week, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



**Michael Crowder**  
NACD Immediate Past  
President & 2024 Annual  
Meeting Chair



## INFORMATION

Valid registration is required to gain entry into each Annual Meeting event. **NACD asks that you have your name badge with you at all times during the Annual Meeting.**

Tickets for special events and tours are available for purchase or pick-up at the registration desk.

### Registration Desk

*Seascope Foyer*

Saturday	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Monday	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

### Interdenominational Room

*Osprey*

The Interdenominational Room will be open to all for a moment of prayer or religious reflection. If you would like to reserve the room for a group service, please talk to registration.

Saturday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**First time meeting attendee?** Attend the first-timers session in Shorebreak on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. to learn the ins and outs of the Annual Meeting.

Thanks to Agri-Drain for sponsoring this years first-timer scholarships!

## DOWNLOAD THE EVENT APP



Find the expanded schedule of events, session descriptions, speaker profiles, sponsor information, and more right on your phone! Follow the steps below or ask any NACD staff for assistance.

- 1 Scan the QR code and download the Sched app on your phone.
- 2 Search “NACD” and join the Annual Meeting event.
- 3 Set up a profile to add events to your personalized schedule, receive real time meeting updates, and message with other attendees.



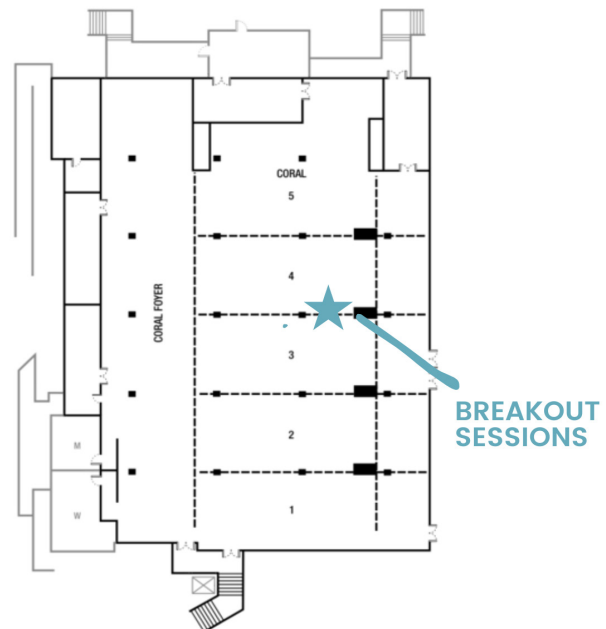
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## HOTEL INFORMATION

**Sheraton San Diego  
Hotel & Marina**  
1380 Harbor Island Drive  
San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 291-2900

## MARINA TOWER LOWER LEVEL



## CONSERVATION SHOWCASE

*Silver Pearl 2/3*

### Showcase Hours:

Sunday	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Monday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
	2:15 PM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

### Events at the Showcase:

Opening Reception –	Sunday 5:00 PM
Networking and Coffee –	Monday 7:00 AM
	Tuesday 7:30 AM

### Available at the Showcase:

NACD Photo Opportunity  
Networking Sessions & Coffee Breaks  
NACD Marketplace Booth  
Pack-a-Book Drop-off  
NCF Live Auction Display & Item Drop-Off  
Presidents Association Silent Auction  
Poster and Photo Contest National Winners

**NOTE:** Live Auction items will only be accepted until 10 a.m. on Monday!

Follow @NACDConserve and  
use the hashtag #NACD2024  
throughout the meeting



### Showcase Booths:

- Agri-Drain
- American Farmland Trust
- Case iH
- Earth Optics
- KR Strategies
- Mast Reforestation
- NACD President's Association
- NACD Soil Health Champions
- NACD TA Grantees
- NACD Education & Marketplace
- National Conservation District Employees Association
- NCF-Envirothon
- NCF Live Auction
- National Conservation Planning Partnership
- National Wildlife Federation
- Pheasants Forever
- Society of American Foresters
- Soil Health Institute
- STAR
- Streamline
- Teralytic
- Topcon
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Forest Service
- USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

## AGENDA

Meeting times and locations are subject to change.  
Check the app or website for the latest information.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

NACD Executive Board Meeting  
*Pelican*

**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

NCDEA Board Meeting  
*Pacific Jewel A*

**9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

NCF-Envirothon Operating Committee  
*Coral 4*

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

New Board Member Orientation  
*Silver Pearl 1*

**1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

NACD Board of Directors Meeting  
*Silver Pearl 1*

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

NCDEA District Employees Training  
*Coral 2*

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Next Generation Leadership Institute  
*Pelican*

**2:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Conservation Showcase Set Up  
*Silver Pearl 2/3*

**4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Resolutions Committee Meeting  
*Sandpiper CD*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**\*\*USS Midway Event**

*Navy Pier- 910 N Harbor Drive*

Hosted by CARCD. Sponsored by Warner Ranch.

Shuttle bus service from the Sheraton main entrance

will run 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM and return from 8:00 PM –

8:45 PM. **\*\*Separately Ticketed**



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**RESOURCE**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**7:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

**Inspirational Session**

Hosted by Bob Warner of Warner Ranch

*Osprey*



**8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Next Generation Leadership Institute**

*Pelican*

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**NARCDC Board Meeting**

*Sandpiper AB*

**9:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Meet and Greet**

**Soil Health Champions**

*Coral 3*

**Urban Grantees**

*Coral 2*

**NACD Grantees**

*Technical Assistance, Perimeter Fencing, & others*

*Coral 1*

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**NCF-Envirothon Operating Committee**

*Coral 4*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Committee Meetings

District and Partner Relations  
*Driftwood*

Legislative  
*Coral 5*

Natural Resources  
*Shorebreak*

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Region Meetings

Northeast  
*Seaglass*

Northern Plains  
*Coral 1*

Southeast  
*Coral 3*

Southwest  
*Coral 2*

North Central  
*Coral 4*

Pacific  
*Coral 5*

South Central  
*Sandpiper CD*

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

NACD Board of Directors Meeting  
*Silver Pearl 1*

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ACED Business Meeting  
*Driftwood*

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

First Timers Session

*Shorebreak*

Sponsored by Agri-Drain



5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Showcase Welcome Reception

*Silver Pearl 2/3*

Sponsored by Farm Credit Council



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

NGLI Cohort Social\*

*Tidepool 5*

Hosted by the President's Association. \*Invitation Only.

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

District Employees Reception

*Coral 5*

Hosted by NCDEA. All district employees welcome!

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Showcase and Coffee

*Silver Pearl 2/3*

Sponsored by Prince George's SCD



8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Opening General Session

*Pacific Jewel Ballroom*

Presiding: NACD Past President Michael Crowder

Welcome Programs

Parade of States and Territories

NACD President's Address – Kim LaFleur

Keynote– NRCS Chief Terry Cosby

NACD CEO Report – Jeremy Peters

Keynote – Erik Wahl, Artist and Author

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

NACD Auxillary Business Meeting

*Coral 1*

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Leadership Luncheon

*Pacific Jewel Ballroom*

Presiding: NACD First Vice President Gary Blair

Keynote – USDA Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small

Membership Recognition and Awards

Friends of NACD Recognition and Announcement

Pack-a-Book Presentation

NCF Recognition & NGLI 2023 Cohort Graduation



## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

NCDEA Board Meeting

*Sandpiper AB*

**2:15 PM – 5:00 PM**

NCF Board of Trustees Meeting

*Driftwood 2*

**2:30 PM – 2:55 PM**

Breakout Sessions

Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape

*Coral 1*

Encouraging Urban Green Infrastructure

Practices for Climate Resiliency

*Coral 2*

Vermont's Journey Towards Pay for Performance

*Coral 3*

Leveraging Aquaculture for Restoration

*Coral 4*

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

EPA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Programs

*Coral 5*

**2:45 PM – 5:30 PM**

NACD Resolutions Hearings

1 - *Shorebreak*

2 - *Seaglass*

**3:05 PM – 3:30 PM**

Breakout Sessions

Community Outreach through Nontraditional Ag

Farmer to Farmer Coffee Talks

*Coral 1*

Climate Adapted Native Plant Materials Project

*Coral 2*

Making Connections Maximizes Watershed

Restoration Project

*Coral 3*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Scaling Agroforestry in U.S. Agriculture

*Coral 4*

**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

Sentinel Landscapes – Networking  
with Federal Partners

*Coral 5*

**4:00 PM – 4:25 PM**

Breakout Sessions

Where Good Things Grow – Healthy Soil at Home

*Coral 1*

Carbon Sequestration and Soil Health

*Coral 2*

Water Quality of Life

*Coral 3*

Conservation Delivery in Pacific Island  
Communities

*Coral 4*

**4:35 PM – 5:00 PM**

Breakout Sessions

Predictive Soil Health Calculator: An Overview

*Coral 1*

Minnesota's Reliance on SWCDs to Address  
Climate Resilience

*Coral 2*

Unconventional Partnering – The Voluntary  
Stewardship Program, CDs, and Counties

*Coral 3*

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

NCF Live Auction

*Pacific Jewel Ballroom*





## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

**\*\*President's Association Breakfast**

*Shorebreak \*\*Separately Ticketed*

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

**Showcase and Coffee**

*Silver Pearl 2/3*

Sponsored by Noble Research Institute



8:45 AM – 11:00 AM

**General Session**

*Pacific Jewel Ballroom*

Presiding: NACD Second VP Bill Simshauser

Keynote – Carlos Suarez, NRCS State Conservationist

Approaches for Fostering Equity Panel

Climate and Supply Chain Resilience Panel

Keynote – Krysta Harden, U.S. Dairy Export Council

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Film Screening & Lunch**

*Pacific Jewel Ballroom*

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**NACD Board Meeting**

*Silver Pearl 1*

1:30 PM – 2:10 PM

**Breakout Sessions**

Engaging the Next Generation – Youth in Conservation

*Coral 1*

OpTIS: New National Baseline Data for Climate-Smart Ag

*Coral 2*

Converging Ag Drainage with Water Quality

*Coral 3*

Tribal Conservation District Approaches to Food Security & Production

*Coral 4*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Sentinel Landscapes Meet & Greet**

*Coral 5*

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**NCF Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Driftwood 2*

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**NCDEA Board Meeting**

*Sandpiper AB*

2:20 PM – 3:00 PM

**Breakout Sessions**

Securing Outreach Expertise For Your CD

*Coral 1*

Advancing Producer Engagement and MMRV in Ecosystem Services Markets

*Coral 2*

Innovative Partnership-Based Project

Approaches to Increase & Accelerate Adoption of Conservation Drainage

*Coral 3*

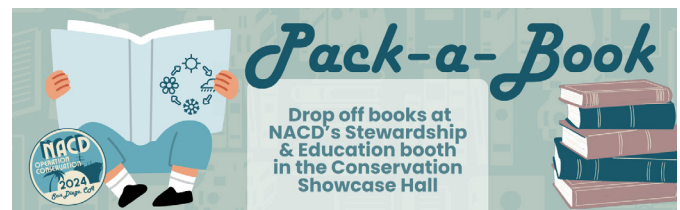
Connecting Communities: Relationship Building to Diversify Participation

*Coral 4*

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**D.O.D. Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Office Hours**

*Coral 5*



## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**3:30 PM – 4:10 PM**

### Breakout Sessions

Dirty Water Bugs Us! Pesticide Education for Urban Communities  
*Coral 1*

Cultivating Resiliency: Linking Soil Health to Profitability  
*Coral 2*

Bridging the Gap: A Partnership Between an Ag Retailer and Local Government  
*Coral 4*

**3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

### Breakout Session

Forum For The Future: Enabling Equitable Pathways to Market for Climate Smart Producers by Leveraging Local CDs  
*Coral 3*

**4:20 PM – 5:00 PM**

### Breakout Sessions

Stewardship of the Western Monarch Through Community Action  
*Coral 1*

Integrating Agriculture into Regional Climate Action Plans  
*Coral 2*

Maximum Partnerships: Building Partnership Between National Programs and Local Implementation  
*Coral 4*

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

### Banquet Happy Hour

*Pacific Jewel Foyer*

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

### Appreciation Banquet

*Pacific Jewel Ballroom*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

### NACD Board Meeting

*Silver Pearl 1*

**8:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

### Conservation Symposiums

National Conservation Planning Partnership: Conservation Planning Training and Education Listening Session  
*Coral 1*

Putting Farmers at the Center of Regenerative Agriculture Engagement Planning  
*Coral 2*

Forum For The Future: Enabling Equitable Pathways to Market for Climate Smart Producers by Leveraging Local CDs  
*Coral 3*

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

### CTIC Board Meeting\*

*Shorebreak*

*\*Invite Only*

**10:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

### NACD Executive Board Meeting

*Pelican*

**12:45 PM – 4:00 PM**

### \*\*Host State Tours

*\*\*Separately Ticketed*

Sustainable Agriculture: Compost, Pollinators, and Wine

Urban Agriculture in Southern San Diego County

Collaboration for Forest Health

Shuttle busses will depart from the hotel main entrance at 12:45 PM. Pick up your pre-purchased tour tickets at the registration booth.

## NOTES

JOIN US THIS SUMMER

# BOSTON

August 10-13, 2024

NACD's Summer  
Conservation  
Forum & Tours

The seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is located in the bottom right corner. It is a circular emblem with a blue border. Inside the circle, the word "MASSACHUSETTS" is written in white, uppercase letters along the top arc. The central image depicts a red lighthouse on a rocky island, with a white bridge extending from the shore to the island. The sea is blue with white waves. At the bottom, the words "STATE OF BAYS" are written in white, uppercase letters along the bottom arc.[illegible]

## NOTES

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## PLATINUM



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