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National Watershed Coalition

The National Watershed Coalition is a nonprofit organization composed of national, regional, state, and local organizations, associations and individuals who advocate using watersheds as the planning and implementation unit when dealing with natural resource problems.

January 2020

Dear Friends,

Your commitment to watershed work and the National Watershed Coalition is an important part of our continuing success. Each year we ask you to consider joining or renewing your NWC membership. The dues you pay make it possible for us to continue our efforts to support our watershed partners through education, advocacy and action. Your NWC membership is important to us and we work hard to produce significant results!



2019 was a good year for the USDA Small Watershed Program and project sponsors across the Nation. As the incoming NWC Chairman I know that the success the Watershed Program partnership enjoyed was not an accident. The Coalition worked at many levels to create an environment for progress and success. Whether in Washington, DC or out in the countryside our ideas and actions made a difference. Two examples of these efforts were our two 2019 Watershed Program Procedures and Policies Listening Sessions held in Santa Fe, NM and Lexington, KY and time spent in Washington D. C.

I would point you to our Website and Facebook page for additional information about our activities and successes this past year. You will also discover a host of resources for project sponsors there.

We also provided assistance and consultation to our members, Watershed and RCPP project sponsors, our partner organizations and to our friends at USDA-NRCS. Through partnerships this aspect of our work continues to grow as both Federal funding and budgets for many local, state and national agency efforts have improved. Our work with our partners has helped address some of the challenges we all face as they relate to meeting Watershed Program responsibilities. Our Coalition staff along with the tremendous resource our members represent are always just a phone call or an email away. We are always willing to engage and give your needs our very best effort.

The NWC staff and membership continue to spend a growing amount of time and resources with our USDA-NRCS partners through a new two year Cooperative Contribution Agreement. With improved Federal program funding these activities have taken on a new level of opportunity and importance. Under the agreement we pursue a number of important activities that are beneficial to USDA-NRCS and Watershed Sponsors across the country. Whether it is producing educational materials, providing webinar and on-site in person training, promoting the benefits of watershed work done by our sponsor members or sharing management and administrative strategies for watershed work across State or geographic boundaries....we are proud of the work, the products and the benefits realized and produced in cooperation with NRCS.

2020 holds great promise for the Coalition and watershed work. Our ability to achieve success in 2020 is tied directly to your participation, input and expertise. The strength of the Coalition is found in the ideas and actions of our members. Please consider joining or renewing your membership. The forms and instructions can be found in this mailing as well as on our website: www.watershedcoalition.org. We're counting on you!

Brad Shedd

Sincerely,
 Brad Shedd

2019 National Conservation and Watershed Conference

The National Watershed Coalition and the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) held their second joint Conservation Conference September 29 – October 3, 2019 in Lexington, Kentucky. The conference resulted in a great mix of conservation and watershed leaders from across the nation, excellent speakers and an opportunity for exchange of ideas.

An NRCS Watershed Listening Session was held during the conference that allowed participants to ask questions of national NRCS Watershed Program leaders. Check out our web page for a transcript of the session as well as copies of presentations by speakers. The next national conference will be held in the Fall of 2021.

With Your Support in 2020 the NWC Will:

- ❖ Continue working with sponsors to build partnerships with agencies and organizations that share common goals and objectives. Partnerships equal strength.
- ❖ Provide project sponsor driven consultation in the effort to streamline and modernize the Watershed Program.
- ❖ Work with NRCS to find ways to accelerate NRCS remedial and repair efforts.
- ❖ Continue to publish information materials about watershed dam rehabilitation. NWC will assist NRCS in updating the national watershed rehabilitation status report to highlight the accomplishments and the needs for rehabilitation of aging watershed dams.
- ❖ Continue to keep USDA-NRCS informed and educated concerning the technical assistance and program support needs of watershed project sponsors.
- ❖ Assist NRCS with training to improve watershed technical assistance delivery and customer service to watershed project sponsors.
- ❖ Build leadership capacity and volunteer opportunities for watershed project sponsors through NWC sponsored activities.
- ❖ Continue to provide individual direct assistance to state watershed coalitions as well as state and local governments.
- ❖ Continue outreach, guidance and consultation with watershed program partners.
- ❖ Work with our partners to find more ways to address operation and maintenance concerns across the nation.
- ❖ Continue to work with national leaders for approval of new projects and funding for existing projects and rehabilitation of aging dams.

National Watershed Coalition Membership Application
Calendar Year 2020 (January 1- December 31)

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