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# MACD ANNUAL CONVENTION

HELENA, MT



Montana Association of  
Conservation Districts

# Annual Convention

November 15-17, 2022

Helena, MT

Convention hosted by  
Area 6 in Helena, Montana.

November 15-17, 2021  
Delta Colonial Hotel  
2301 Colonial Dr.

Welcome conservation district supervisors, staff, partners, and sponsors to the 2022 MACD Annual Convention. The Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) and the Area 6 conservation districts thank you for joining us this year in Helena.

The 2022 Convention theme: Cultivating Our Conservation Story, describes how Montana’s conservation districts are moving away from being the State’s “best kept secret”. Recent highlights include: advocacy by MACD during the interim session that has led to the pre-introduction of a bill for the 2023 Legislative Session that would double DNRC funding for districts, amazing outreach events by local conservation districts, improved participation across MACD and progress toward the goals of our strategic plan, Employee Roundtables and in-person trainings by the Employee Organization, as well as the upcoming DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau’s statewide outreach campaign highlighting who conservation districts are and what they do.

At this year’s annual convention, we’ll talk about the progress we’ve made over the past year in addition to hosting presentations, discussions, and training sessions that prepare us to continue telling our conservation story. This year’s programming includes a welcome event with the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), voting on resolutions and proposed bylaws changes, multiple training opportunities for supervisors and employees, presentations on topics such as resilience to extreme events, a tailgate-themed evening event hosted by the Employee Organization, a facilitated discussion about conservation district funding in preparation for the 2023 legislative session, and more. We are very excited to have you at this year’s convention. Thank you for joining us!

## Program Summary

### Overview

- Hosting Districts and Sponsors
- Welcome to 2022 Convention

### Tuesday

- Agenda
- Programming
  - Water Welcome Reception with DEQ and DNRC

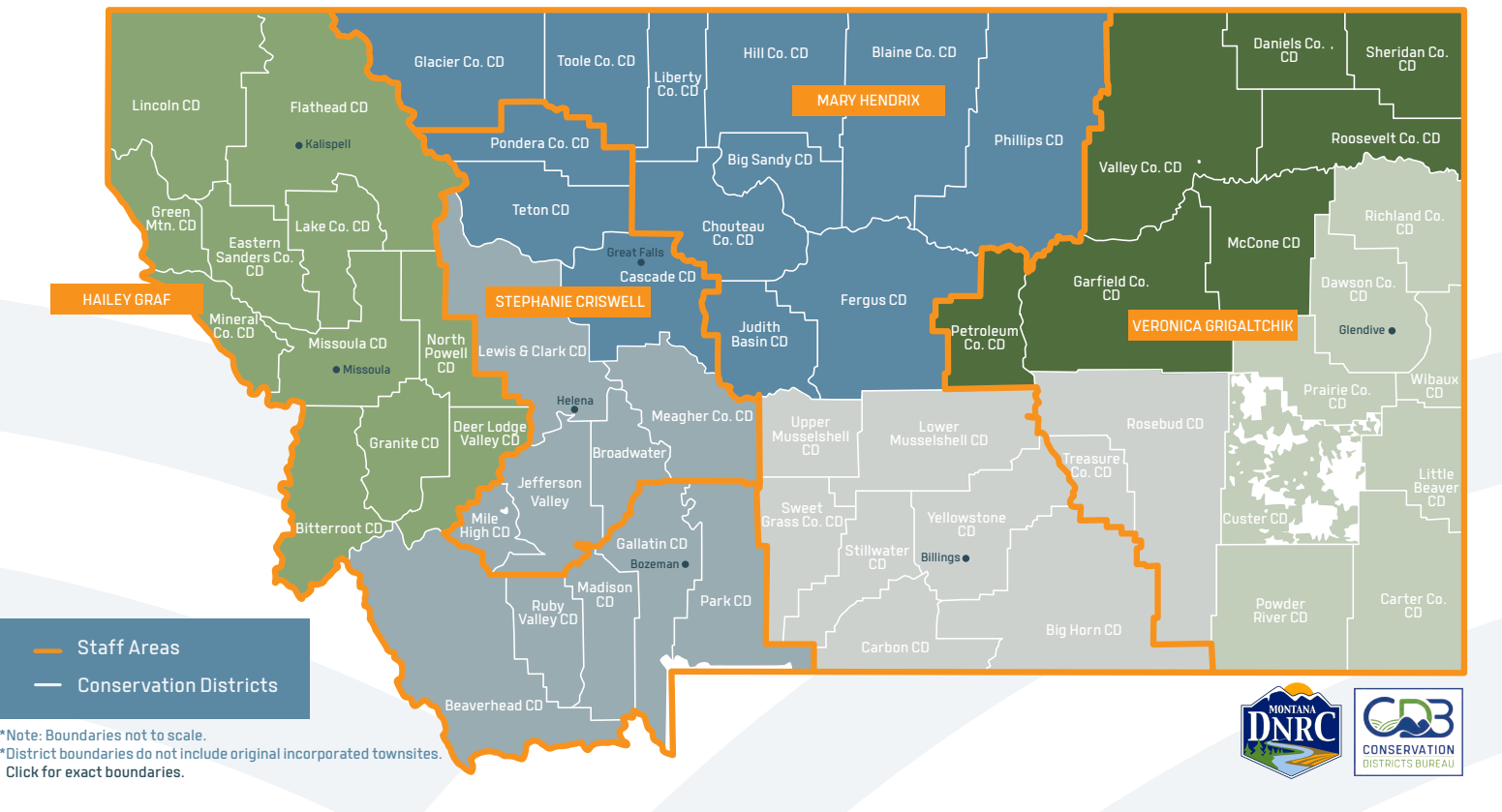
### Wednesday

- Agenda
- Programming
  - Winnett Aces
  - Telling Your Story
  - Planning for Success
  - Tools for Difficult Conversations
  - Partner Reports Bingo
  - Employee Organization Event

### Thursday

- Agenda
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  - Education Breakfast: Software for 310 Applications
  - Panel: Resilience to Extreme Events
  - Lunch: Upcoming Opportunities for Conservation Districts
  - Discussion Session: CD Funding in the 2023 Legislative Session
  - Silent Auction
  - Awards Banquet

Montana Conservation Districts (CD)



CD Bureau Staff

Bureau Chief Stephanie Criswell	Serves CDs in parts of Area 3 (Pondera, Teton, Cascade), and parts of Area 6 (Lewis & Clark, Jefferson Valley, Mile High, Broadwater, Meagher) Conservation Districts
CD Specialist Mary Hendrix	Serves CDs on the Hi-Line and Central Montana. Coverage includes most of Area 3 (Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Choteau, Big Sandy, Judith Basin, Fergus), and part of Area 4 (Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Lower Musselshell, Upper Musselshell, Yellowstone).
Stream Permitting Coordinator Jason Garber	Serves all CDs in Montana.
Water Reservations Specialist Randell Hopkins	Serves CDs with their water reservations for the Yellowstone River Basin, part of the Upper Missouri River basin (Lower Musselshell CD), and the Lower Missouri basin (Richland County CD), and the Little Missouri River basin. Those are Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon, Lower Musselshell, Yellowstone, Treasure County, Rosebud, Big Horn, Custer County, Prairie County, Powder River, Richland County, Dawson County, Wibaux, Little Beaver, and Carter County Conservation Districts.
CD Specialist Hailey Graf	Serves CDs on the western side of the divide. Coverage includes all of Area 5 and parts of Area 6 (Beaverhead, Ruby Valley, Madison, Gallatin, and Park).
CD Specialist Veronica Grigaltchik	Serves CDs in the eastern part of the state. Coverage includes Area 1, all of Area 2, and part of Area 4 (Rosebud and Treasure).
CDB Coordinator	



Conservation District  
Advisory Council (CDAC):

- EASTERN MONTANA

Judi Knapp, Hysham- Treasure CD  
Richard Iversen, Culbertson, Richland CD.
- CENTRAL MONTANA

Greg Jergeson, Chinook- Blaine CD  
Gayla Wortman, Cascade- Cascade CD  
Steve Tyrrel, Lavina- Lower Musselshell CD
- WESTERN MONTANA

Robert Schroeder, Florence- Missoula CD  
Kathleen Johnson, Fortine- Lincoln CD

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# Tuesday

## FEATURED CD PROGRAM

### Pollinator Initiatives



Ruby Valley CD



Little Beaver CD



Gallatin CD



Glacier County CD



Hill County CD



Eastern Sanders CD

## MEETINGS

11:00<sup>AM</sup> - 12:45<sup>PM</sup>

State Room

MACD Board Meeting

1:00<sup>PM</sup> - 2:00<sup>PM</sup>

Clark Room

Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA) Meeting

12:00<sup>PM</sup> - 3:00<sup>PM</sup>

Helena Room

Montana Conservation District Employee Organization (EO) Meeting

1:00<sup>PM</sup> - 4:00<sup>PM</sup>

State Room

Conservation District Advisory Council (CDAC) Meeting

3:00<sup>PM</sup> - 6:00<sup>PM</sup>

Clark Room

Missouri River Conservation Districts Council (MRCDC) Meeting

## OFFICE HOURS

2:00<sup>PM</sup> - 4:00<sup>PM</sup>

Lewis Room

Your 310 Questions Answered! Office Hours with Jason Garber

Jason Garber, DNRC's Stream Permitting Coordinator, will be available to answer questions related to the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, also known as "The 310 Law."

## DINNER

5:30<sup>PM</sup>

Capital Room

Water Welcome Reception

DEQ on Narrative Nutrient Standards and DNRC Legislation for 2023 Session Legislative Session. Speakers will start at 6:15pm.

PROGRAMMING DETAILS

Water Welcome Reception with DEQ and DNRC

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) would like to welcome attendees to the first night of MACD’s Annual Convention! Appetizers and drinks will be served starting at 5:30 PM, followed by two brief presentations beginning at 6:15 PM. There will be an opportunity for questions after each presentation.

Implementing Narrative Nutrient Standards: The Role of Conservation Districts

DEQ is working on the implementation of SB 358, transitioning from numeric nutrient water quality standards to narrative standards. Conservation District Representatives appointed by MACD have been involved with the Nutrient Work Group, an advisory group that DEQ is working with through the process. The new approach will include the option to develop watershed scale Adaptive Management Plans, with the opportunity for conservation districts to take a leadership role in convening stakeholders and identifying potential projects to reduce nutrients.

SPEAKER

Chris Dorrington

Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)



Chris Dorrington serves as the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), having been appointed by Governor Greg Gianforte in Dec 2020. In the years since becoming Director, a great deal has happened to deliver on his agency mission – to champion a healthy environment for a thriving Montana. Prior to his current role as Director, Dorrington led the Air, Energy, and Mining Division at DEQ for four and a half years. Before joining state government over 16 years ago, Dorrington worked for six years in private industry. A Helena native, Dorrington earned his bachelors of science in mechanical engineering from Gonzaga University, and a master’s degree in public policy from George Mason University.

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5:30<sup>PM</sup>  
Capital Room

Update on the State’s Comprehensive Water Review and Upcoming 2023 Legislation

DNRC is actively undertaking a comprehensive evaluation of state water administration and management with diverse stakeholders’ input front and center in the decision-making through the Comprehensive Water Review. This process is focused on meeting future water needs while protecting existing users. For the past year Stakeholder Working Groups have been tackling challenging water quantity issues through constructive and deliberative dialog, ensuring that water issues are comprehensively addressed. DNRC will provide an update on their work and proposed legislation for the 2023 session.

SPEAKERS

Anna Pakenham Stevenson

Administrator for the DNRC Conservation and Resource Development Division (CARDD)



Anna Pakenham Stevenson is the Water Division Administrator for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, where the division is responsible for managing Montana’s water for the present and future needs of its people. She has over 20 years’ experience working in natural resource management nationally and abroad on issues ranging from analyzing hydro-climatic impacts on freshwater and marine systems, evaluation community water system vulnerability and adaptation strategies, and developing sustainable water management solutions with multiple water users. Anna holds a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Science and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Resource Management and Water Policy.

Mark Bostrom

Administrator for the DNRC Conservation and Resource Development Division (CARDD)



As Administrator of the Conservation and Resource Development Division at DNRC, Mark leads a small division devoted to improving natural resources and related infrastructure through technical and financial support from the state. He attended Western State College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in 1987. His early professional work was in environmental analytical laboratories in Colorado and Utah. Mark moved to Helena Montana in 2003 where he began working with the Department of Environmental Quality as its first Quality Assurance Officer and later as Bureau Chief for Water Quality Planning. He has been with DNRC since 2014. Mark has also served on the Board of directors of several non-profits including the Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC), Blackfoot Challenge, Canyon Ferry Yacht Club (Commadore), and National Association of State Conservation Agencies (Northern Plains Representative).

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# Wednesday

ABOUT

## Montana Conservation Districts

*Montana’s conservation districts partner with private landowners to keep our land and water healthy for the next generation. Led and staffed by locals, conservation districts champion balanced conservation solutions for those that they serve.*

Conservation districts (CDs) are local units of government with missions that vary with the use and resource concerns of their area. In addition to many unique programs offered by individual districts, all 58 conservation districts administer stream (310) permitting in their area. Many conservation districts are also involved with watershed planning, aquatic invasive species prevention, pollinator habitat, soil health programming, and more.

BREAKFAST

8:00<sup>AM</sup> - 9:00<sup>AM</sup>  
Ballroom

Breakfast

9:00<sup>AM</sup> - 9:45<sup>AM</sup>  
Ballroom

Opening Ceremonies

15 Minute Break

10:00<sup>AM</sup> - 12:00<sup>PM</sup>  
Capital / State Room

Standing Committee Meetings

Standing committees will review, discuss, and vote on resolutions. Please attend to provide input from your conservation district!

LUNCH

12:00<sup>AM</sup> - 1:00<sup>PM</sup>  
Ballroom

Lunch & Presentation

Winnett Aces will discuss their work on drought resiliency.

1:00<sup>PM</sup> - 2:00<sup>PM</sup>  
Capital / State Room

Telling Your Story

Training by Shannon Stober

2:00<sup>PM</sup> - 3:15<sup>PM</sup>  
Capital / State Room

Partner Reports

Highlights from each partner and partner reports bingo.

15 Minute Break

TRAINING SESSIONS #1

3:30<sup>PM</sup> - 4:30<sup>PM</sup>  
Capital / State Room

Tools for Difficult Conversations

Leadership training session facilitated by Shannon Stober

3:30<sup>PM</sup> - 4:30<sup>PM</sup>  
Ballroom

Supervisor Training

Engaging session on future CD Supervisor Training that will be led by DNRC CDB and MACD. Session facilitated by Terry Profota and Veronica Grigaltchik.

TRAINING SESSIONS #2

4:30<sup>PM</sup> - 5:30<sup>PM</sup>  
Capital / State Room

Tools for Difficult Conversations

Leadership training facilitated by Shannon Stober (same as 3:30pm session).

4:30<sup>PM</sup> - 5:30<sup>PM</sup>  
Ballroom

Planning for Success

Strategic planning for your district, presented by Terry Profota of Sage 4 Success.

DINNER

6:00<sup>PM</sup>  
Ballroom

Dinner & Employee Organization Event

Dinner with the Employee Organization providing cornhole, karaoke, tailgate food, and raffle.

PROGRAMMING DETAILS



SPEAKERS

Kendal Wojcik, Joshua Hobbs, Laura Nowlin, and Brent Smith

Winnett ACES (Agricultural Community Enhancement and Sustainability) is a landowner-led collaborative serving the agricultural producers across the Musselshell Plains and the rural communities that connect this ecologically significant working landscape. ACES began informally in 2016 and became a member based 501c3 in 2019. ACES mission is to “strengthen our community by sustaining the health of our land, economy, and traditions for future generations.” ACES projects are wide-ranging. From hosting workshops for producers on soil health and financial management to implementing on-the-ground conservation to moving a historic building to be repurposed into housing and business space, ACES works on projects that have community wide benefits.

Telling Your Story

Conservation districts are charged with maximizing public participation in their work, and meeting this purpose requires an ability to effectively communicate the needs and opportunities for the public through storytelling. In this session, we will review storytelling basics, including identifying a central message, working with a clear structure, and engaging your audience through the use of tone and calls to action.

SPEAKER

Shannon Stober



Shannon Stober is a nationally recognized trainer and facilitator in the realms of leadership, community building, and volunteerism. Each year she engages hundreds of individuals from a variety of sectors through high-powered workshops, retreats, speaking engagements, and coaching activities. Prior to launching Jump Start, Shannon completed two terms of service as an AmeriCorps \*VISTA and went on to serve as the Statewide Training Officer for the Governor’s Office of Community Service, Program Manager for Montana Campus Compact, and Director of Programs with the Montana Conservation Corps. She is known for her positive energy, strength of character, and humor.

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Ballroom

Partner Reports

Partner reports with a bingo twist! Come hear local CD partners give updates on their organizations’ programs and services. Participate in the activity for the chance to win a prize!

Training Sessions

Information about Training Sessions #1 and #2 on next page...

Employee Organization (EO) Event



Immerse yourself in an evening of corn hole and karaoke! The Montana Conservation District Employee Organization Fall Fundraiser takes place Wednesday night of the MACD Convention, and we will have dinner, a raffle of items that Conservation Districts from across Montana have donated, an optional karaoke event (and who doesn’t love that?). President of the EO, Heidi Fleury, will be presenting a few awards specific to the Employee Organization. We will be selling 50/50 tickets through Wednesday and Thursday too!

# Training Sessions #1

*First set of concurrent sessions from 3:30PM - 4:30PM*

## Tools for Difficult Conversations (Session #1)

Delivering upon the promise of the conservation district model can be challenging, and the nature of the work will occasionally require us to engage in conversations that feel difficult, where the needs, wants, and opinions of those involved are diverse and emotions are running high. In this session, we will explore baseline skills for engaging in these conversations, including engaging in effective feedback practices, delivering messages surrounding issues of accountability, and practicing inquiry to better understand others.

**FACILITATED BY**

**Shannon Stober**

*Jump Start Training & Development*

## Supervisor Training

Ever wonder how you can have a larger impact and be more effective and engaged as a CD supervisor? The Conservation District Bureau is curious too and is in the process of crafting a supervisor training and support program to strengthen, engage and empower you in your work. Join us for this interactive session and help us craft the content, delivery, and incentives for this exciting opportunity. Let us know what you want, so we can deliver.

**FACILITATED BY**

**Terry Profata**

*Sage 4 Success, LLC*

**Veronica Grigaltchik**

*Eastern CD Specialist, DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau*

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**Capital / State Room**

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**Ballroom**

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**4:30<sup>PM</sup> - 5:30<sup>PM</sup>**

**Capital / State Room**

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**4:30<sup>PM</sup> - 5:30<sup>PM</sup>**

**Ballroom**

# Training Sessions #2

*Second set of concurrent sessions from 4:30PM - 5:30PM*

## Tools for Difficult Conversations (Session #2)

Delivering upon the promise of the conservation district model can be challenging, and the nature of the work will occasionally require us to engage in conversations that feel difficult, where the needs, wants, and opinions of those involved are diverse and emotions are running high. In this session, we will explore baseline skills for engaging in these conversations, including engaging in effective feedback practices, delivering messages surrounding issues of accountability, and practicing inquiry to better understand others.

**FACILITATED BY**

**Shannon Stober**

*Jump Start Training & Development*

## Planning for Success

A strategic plan is more than a document; it is a collaborative process that results in a roadmap for increased CD effectiveness, consistency, and accountability. In this session, learn the basics of developing and using a strategic plan to strengthen your operations, clarify expectations, increase efficiency, and create greater impact in your community.

**FACILITATED BY**

**Terry Profata**

*Sage 4 Success, LLC*



# Training Session Facilitators

## Terry Profata



More information on *Sage 4 Success'* work, resources and clients can be found at:

[sagenonprofitconsulting.com](http://sagenonprofitconsulting.com)

Terry Profata is the founder of Sage 4 Success and has been working with hundreds of nonprofits, businesses, and organizations helping them to improve their effectiveness since 2004. She recently retired as a professor at Montana State University's Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Profata has also developed and taught online nonprofit management courses for the University of Montana and was a Founding Board Member and past Chair of the Montana Nonprofit Association.

## Veronica Grigaltchik



Veronica Grigaltchik is the Eastern CD Specialist for the Conservation District Bureau stationed in Miles City. She completed a Bachelor's of Zoology at the University of Florida and a Doctorate in Biological Sciences at the University of Sydney in Australia. Her passion for conservation and agriculture in Eastern Montana led her to becoming a District Conservationist in the Circle NRCS office prior to joining the CDB team.

## Shannon Stober



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# Thursday

## STORIES

### Our Impact



Madison CD



Lower Musselshell CD



Big Horn CD



310 Permitting

## BREAKFAST

8:00<sup>AM</sup>

Ballroom

### Breakfast Opens

8:30<sup>AM</sup> - 9:30<sup>AM</sup>

Ballroom

### Education Breakfast

Presentation on Gilly Application for 310 Permit Processing

15 Minute Break

9:45<sup>AM</sup> - 11:15<sup>AM</sup>

Capital / State Room

### Business Meeting

Membership votes on resolutions, proposed bylaws changes, and other association business.

15 Minute Break

11:30<sup>AM</sup> - 12:30<sup>PM</sup>

Capital / State Room

### Panel: Building Resilience to Extreme Events

## LUNCH

12:30<sup>PM</sup> - 1:30<sup>PM</sup>

Ballroom

### Lunch & Presentations

Brief presentations on upcoming opportunities for districts, including the conservation district stories map, conservation funding opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act, and the statewide district outreach campaign.

## TRAINING SESSIONS

1:30<sup>PM</sup> - 3:00<sup>PM</sup>

Capital / State Room

### Conservation District Advocacy and Policy at the National Level

Jeremy Peters, CEO of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

1:30<sup>PM</sup> - 3:00<sup>PM</sup>

Ballroom

### Leadership Training: Mind Styles with

This interactive training with Shannon Stober will be capped at 60 people, so be sure to get there early if you would like to participate!

15 Minute Break

3:15<sup>PM</sup> - 5:30<sup>PM</sup>

Ballroom

### Discussion Session: Conservation District Funding in the 2023 Legislative Session

## DINNER

6:00<sup>PM</sup>

Ballroom

### Awards Banquet

Statewide Awards, Keynote by NACD CEO Jeremy Peters, and President's Speech. Deadline for silent auction at 6:00pm.

PROGRAMMING DETAILS

Education Breakfast:  
Four Corners Foundation (4CF)



“Good data management is at the core of good water management”

Four Corners Foundation (4CF) was founded in 2003 and is an advocate for the thoughtful and strategic use of water in the Gallatin River Watershed and beyond. They are a private nonprofit that is primarily funded through the Willow Springs Family Foundation.

4CF created Gilly, a non-profit software platform, as a solution for automating the collection and approval process for 310 and joint application permit data. Gilly provides a robust data collection system for inputting permits (current and historic) and gives ready access to this information- streamlining the permit process for conservation districts and illustrating the impacts that proposed and past permits have on river systems.

Panel: Building Resilience to Extreme Events

Conservation Districts at times are caught in the worst disasters that the imagination can conjure. This panel of knowledgeable resource experts will offer invaluable assistance in creating resilience to extreme events. Our Panel: Rocky Infanger, *Tri County Fire Safe Working Group*; Sharon Flemetis, *Stillwater Conservation District Administrator*; Will Downs, *Stillwater Conservation District Board Chairman*; Robert Molacek Molacek, *NRCS Bozeman*; and Sherri Pool, *DES Montana Mitigation Coordinator* will share how your CD can maximize expertise into your own resilience plans. This panel will be moderated by Hailey Graf, *DNRC Conservation District Specialist*.

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Capital / State Room

Conservation District Advocacy and Policy at the National Level

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) advocates for nearly 3,000 conservation districts and state/territory associations across the United States, ensuring federal policy and funding levels reflect the mission and goals of districts. During this session, CEO Jeremy Peters will discuss NACD’s national level policy work, the importance of this work to districts in Montana and nationwide, and the connection to grassroots level advocacy by districts and state associations.

SPEAKER

Jeremy Peters



NACD Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Peters joined the staff of NACD in 2006 and became the association’s Chief Executive Officer in April 2015. Peters manages the association and leads advocacy efforts on behalf of the nation’s 3,000 conservation districts.

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Ballroom

Mind Styles - Leadership Session

Strong leaders understand that “all of us” is better than “one of us”, and that in order to put this belief into play, we must have tools to help us understand each other’s working, communication, and leadership preferences. In this session, we will explore the Mind Styles framework to gain insight into these preferences, and provide tools for incorporating learning into our personal, interpersonal, and group leadership practices.

SPEAKER

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## Discussion Session: Conservation District Funding in the 2023 Legislative Session

This session will begin with a short panel, providing background on conservation district funding, the recent work of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) and MACD during the interim session, and the CD Funding Bill that has already been pre-introduced to the 2023 Legislative Session. There will then be a facilitated discussion amongst districts, legislators, and partners, broadly touching on how a lack of adequate funding has impacted districts, how the proposed funding increase would advance the mission of all Montana conservation districts, and how to set districts up for success if MACD is successful in passing this bill during the 2023 session.

The goal of this discussion is to garner participation from all districts and to approach the 2023 Legislative Session with a further unified voice and increased input from districts around the state.

### Legislative Update

At the final meeting of the 2021/2022 Environmental Quality Council (EQC) in September – and as a culmination of MACD’s HJ27 CD Funding Study Bill – the EQC voted to move the proposed CD funding bill forward into the 2023 session.

As written, the proposed CD funding legislation would annually provide a total of \$6 million dollars of funding into the Conservation District Account (CDA), nearly doubling currently available funds. This funding would come from a combination of coal tax dollars and marijuana tax funding.

## Silent Auction

Annually, conservation districts gather silent auction items for the MACD Convention, and funds raised will support MACD work during the 2023 Legislative Session. The silent auction items are located at the back of the Ballroom and bidding will start at 12:00 pm on Wednesday through 6:00 pm on Thursday. Please, visit the tables and bid on some of our great auction items from across the state!

## Annual Awards Banquet

MACD will be honoring exceptional conservation district staff and supervisors with awards in many categories that demonstrate awardees’ significant contributions to the world of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Montana, such as the President’s Award, the ‘Hitting the Ground Running’ award for newer supervisors and employees, and the Conservation Impact Award. MACD Dean Rogge will give the annual President’s Address, and we will also welcome NACD CEO Jeremy Peters as our keynote speaker.

THUR

3:15<sup>PM</sup> - 5:30<sup>PM</sup>

Ballroom

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DEADLINE  
6:00<sup>PM</sup>

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6:00<sup>PM</sup>

Ballroom

## DEQ Funds Water Quality Projects

Montana’s Department of Environmental Quality funds projects that help to improve waterbodies impacted by nonpoint source pollution. Funding is available annually.

For more information or to consult with DEQ on potential projects, contact us at: <https://deq.mt.gov/water/Programs/nonpoint>

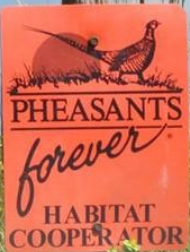


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#### Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

##### Area 6 Conservation Districts:

Lewis and Clark, Beaverhead,  
Broadwater, Madison, Ruby Valley, Park,  
Jefferson Valley, Meagher County,  
Gallatin, and Mile High conservation  
districts.

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