



NACD Legislative Priorities

Guiding NACD's Government Affairs Efforts

Board of Directors 2008

Leadership	
<p>Only NACD as a national association can represent the unique views of conservation districts across the nation and districts have distinct roles and/or opportunities within the program issue areas</p>	<p>Issues: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conservation Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conservation Technical Assistance ○ State and Private Forestry ○ 319 Nonpoint Source Grants • Farm Bill, Implementation of Farm Bill Programs • Potential USDA Reorganization
Coalitions	
<p>NACD will participate in efforts through work with current and future coalitions to support mutually beneficial partner activities and to identify future opportunities for NACD and conservation districts</p>	<p>Issues: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biofuels/Biomass • Forestry land management • Water Quality/Quantity (including Clean Water Act Amendments, Water quality credit trading, CAFO regulations, stormwater management, watershed efforts) • Climate Change (Carbon trading, aggregator opportunities for districts, carbon sequestration, methane digester technology) • Small acreage programs • Disaster management/water conservation (Wildfire Management, Drought, Flood Control, Watersheds (PL 566, 534)) • Endangered species/habitat fragmentation • Invasive species/noxious weeds
Support	
<p>Includes all other issues that are consistent with existing NACD policy</p>	<p>Use existing policies to seek out and support activities to carry out conservation district policy. NACD maintains extensive policy on natural resources covering issues <u>such as</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting agricultural lands/land fragmentation • coastal/estuary protection • fish & wildlife protection • grazing/grasslands conservation
<p>Regional/State Priorities</p>	<p>Advocate for conservation policies or programs that do not conflict with national priorities.</p>

The major organization and committee focus in 2008 is depicted in this chart which is based on the current and new policy approved by the Board of Directors.

* Issues not listed by priority