

Checklist

Congratulations! You have been elected a conservation district supervisor. This fact sheet will direct you to materials and information to help you assume your new role. You are now responsible for soil, clean water and other natural resource conservation efforts in your area. As you review these materials, check them off the list. After completing the checklist, you'll be ready to perform your new responsibilities. Feel free to call a member of the Utah Association of Conservation Districts or the district staff with questions you may have.

BASICS

- "Conservation at Work" DVD. This 13-minute DVD is designed to serve as a short-course on the roles and responsibilities of conservation district supervisors. It is formatted in three segments, so you can view a section at a time or all at once.
- "Conservation at Work: A Guide for Conservation District Supervisors in Utah." This pocket handbook accompanies the DVD and provides a more thorough explanation of the law, roles and responsibilities, partners and other important information.
- Conservation District Act. Utah State Code Title 17D-Chapter 3 outlines the legal duties and powers of a conservation district. This legal document is the basis for everything you will do as a district supervisor.
- "Top 10 Conservation Programs at Work" and "More Top 10." These single-page fact sheets provide a quick look at funding programs available to landowners for conservation practices. In your new role as a district supervisor you will become familiar with many of these.
- "Who's Who in Water Conservation" and "Who's Who (cont.): Other Water Entities." Additional single-page fact sheets that list water conservation agencies in Utah.

Resources

The following resources provide more in-depth information on activities and programs related to conservation district work.

LOCAL:

- *CD Handbook: This white three-ring binder produced by the Utah Conservation Commission contains extensive information on district law, administration and the ARDL program. Available from your district chairman or at your zone or district office.*
- *Web page: Information about Utah's conservation districts, including staff and district contact information and current news and events, is available online at: uacd.org*
- *Newsletters: Your district may produce a regular newsletter with timely information.*
- *Brochures and fact sheets: NRCS, EPA and other government agencies produce many brochures and fact sheets*

ADVANCED

- District official accreditation training. Available online (uacdtraining.org) or through your zone coordinator.
- Review the enclosed map and identify your district and zone boundaries
- Take time to meet one-on-one with your district chair and learn more about local activities and projects.
- Get acquainted with your zone and district staff and the conservation work they are pursuing.
- Identify your conservation partners. Introduce yourself to your NRCS district conservationist, among others and discuss his/her role in the district's work.
- Review a copy of the Agricultural Resource Development Loan program brochure and learn more about the ARDL program.
- Talk to your neighbors and friends to identify the most pressing natural resource concerns in your district, and be prepared to discuss these concerns at the next district board meeting.
- Meet with local county and city officials and familiarize yourself with their concerns and their interaction with the local conservation district.
- Introduce yourself to your state legislators. Thank them for their support of conservation district work.
- Obtain a copy of your district's current plan of work from the district chair or the zone coordinator and review it.
- Obtain a copy of your district's current resource assessment from the district chair or the zone coordinator and review it.
- Obtain a copy of your district's current long-range plan of work from the district chair or the zone coordinator and review it.

Resources

ON THE WEB:

- *Utah Association of Conservation Districts*
uacd.org
- *National Association of Conservation Districts*
nacdnet.org
- *Natural Resources Conservation Service*
nrcs.usda.gov
- *Utah NRCS*
ut.nrcs.usda.gov
- *Utah Department of Agriculture and Food*
ag.utah.gov
(go to "Utah Conservation Commission" link on right side of the page)

CONSERVATION EDUCATION ON THE WEB:

- *Utah Association of Conservation Districts*
uacdtraining.org
- *Utah Envirothon*
utahenvirothon.org
- *Canon Envirothon*
envirothon.org
- *Utah Agriculture in the Classroom*
extension.usu.edu/AITC/
- *National Agriculture in the Classroom*
agclassroom.org