

May 16 UACD E-Blast

Conservation District Business

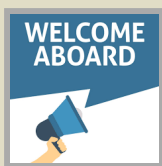
Zone Executive Committee (ZEC) Meetings Strengthen Communication

The UACD Board is improving communication with Conservation Districts (CDs) through ZEC calls or virtual meetings that share updates and gather input on local needs and successes.

The first ZEC meetings with Zones 1–5 sparked valuable collaboration—like Timp/Nebo CD connecting with Grantsville CD over no-till drill equipment, sharing info to save time and resources.

ZEC calls include CD chairs or a representative, Resource Coordinators, UCC Representatives, UACD Board Zone Directors, and UACD staff (when invited). UACD will help with scheduling, reminders, and minutes but aims for zone-led conversations for you, that benefit you.

These meetings help Zone Directors understand your local issues and advocate for your needs. If your CD needs support, reach out to your Zone Directors—they're your voice at the state and even federal level.



Welcome Alisa Meyer – Zone 3's New UACD Director

Alisa Meyer, from Shambip CD in Tooele, was appointed to the UACD Board this week. She will be a valuable asset to both Zone 3 and UACD—we're fortunate to have her on board!

Zone 6 CD Webpages Online - Now It's Your Turn

All Conservation Districts in Zone 6 Daggett, Uintah, and Duchesne have webpages live on the UACD website! Check them out at www.uacd.org/zone6.

These clean, professional pages showcase each district's work and connect with the community. Creating a page is quick and easy. Zone 6 set a great example, and we're ready to help you do the same.

All dues-paying districts qualify for a free page, built on a first-come, first-served basis. Submit your form this week to keep the momentum going and get your district online!

Ready to get started? Fill out the Request Form ASAP

SERA Changes in Effect

Estimate total SERA needs in your budget hearings, including meetings and travel. UDAF will allocate funds based on requests and past use. CDs now pay supervisors directly. Questions? Contact sedginton@utah.gov.

CD P.O. Boxes

If your CD doesn't have a PO Box, consider obtaining one. They maintains continuity as board members change, separates official mail from personal addresses, offers a neutral public contact, and reduces fraud risk.

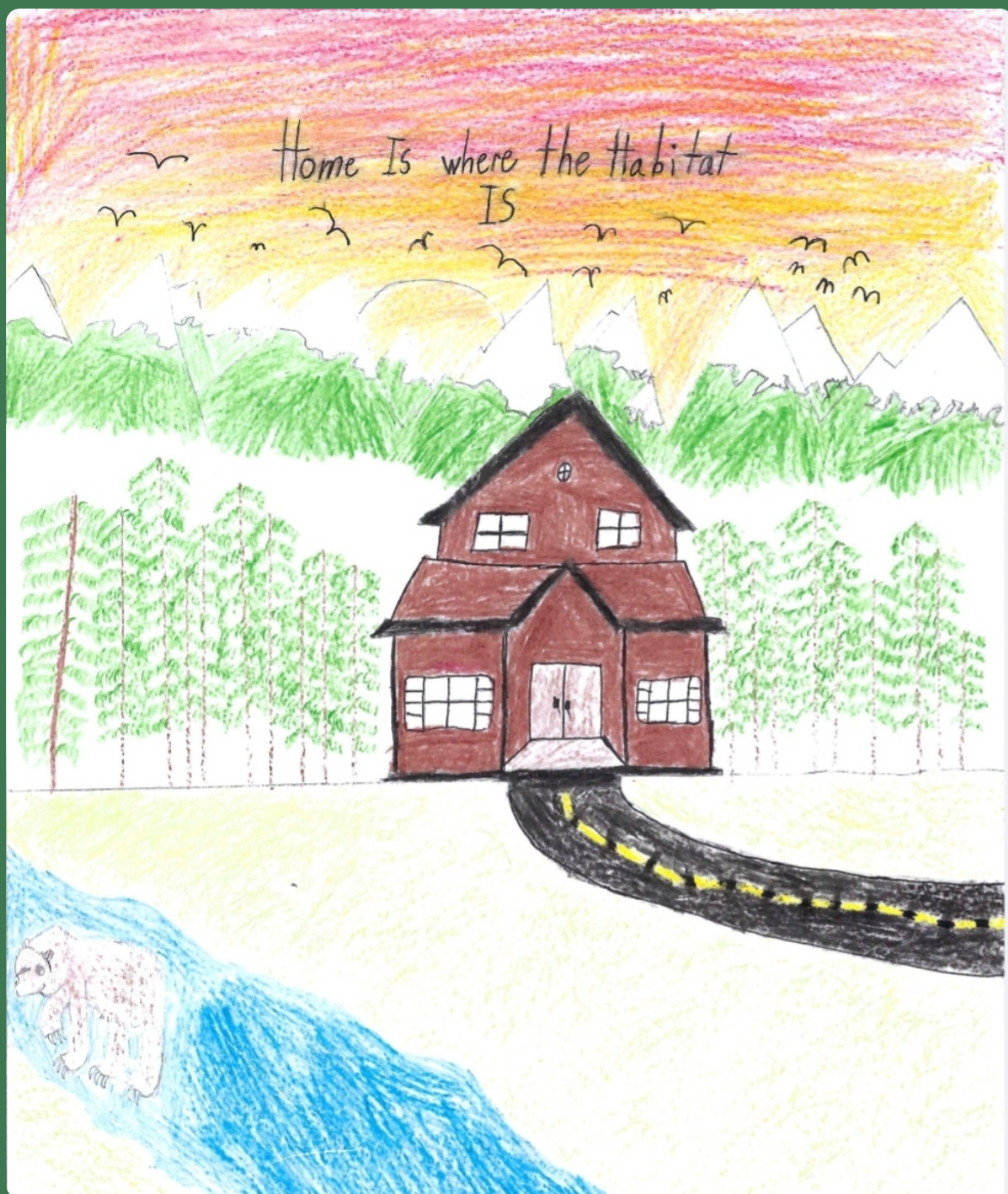
Supervisor Training Module 2

Designed for all supervisors and clerks. Covers the new SERA process and financial duties that helps reduce fraud and improve accuracy. Available in May. Questions? Contact desiree.vandyke@uacd.org

Delta CD Poster Contest

Delta CD held a successful 4th grade poster contest. Congratulations to their winner who is going to the state competition, and to their runner up for creating a great poster!

This year's theme is Home is Where the Habitat Is. UACD will create custom flyers, social posts, and certificates for any dues-paying CD hosting a contest.



Firt Place - Everett Hughes



Second Place - Alanah Wood

New UACD Photo Contest

In honor of NACD Stewardship Week, UACD invites all Conservation District supervisors, partners, and clerks to enter, and to help share this opportunity with your communities.

The theme is "**Agriculture and Conservation Across America.**" From barns to pollinators, this is a chance to showcase how Utah's agriculture and conservation work together and reach new conservation audiences through photography.

Deadline: September 30, 2025

Prizes: \$100 Utah Grand Prize and advance to the NACD nationals contest.

More Information at: www.uacd.org/photo-contest

Utah Association of Conservation District's **PHOTO CONTEST** **AGES 11-99**

Theme: Agriculture and Conservation Across America

UTAH CONTEST
Due September 30, 2025
\$100.00 Grand Prize

NATIONAL CONTEST
National Association of
Conservation Districts
1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50

The Utah Association of Conservation Districts (UACD) invites you to showcase how agriculture and conservation go hand in hand across our state.

The winning photographs will represent the theme into the prompt:
"Agriculture and Conservation Across America"

Eligible entries may include images of barns, crops, livestock, grazing lands, farm practices, pastures, tree farms, ranches, pollinators, youth involved in conservation-related activities, etc.

All photos should capture the unique connection between agriculture and conservation in Utah.

Help celebrate our shared commitment to stewardship—submit your photo today!

June 25th and 26th: Two Days of Conservation

Room block is available at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lehi (3150 North Hotel Loop), events will either take place or begin there. Partnership Meeting flyer is attached. Full schedule coming soon!

UACD Board Meeting June 25th 10:00 am

The UACD Board Meeting is an open and public meeting to conduct official UACD business.

All Conservation District supervisors and staff are welcome to attend, get updates, and stay informed on key decisions affecting conservation efforts statewide.

Partnership Meeting June 25th at 11:00 am

Conservation Districts are asked to send a representative - your presence shows the vital role CDs play in local conservation.

Statewide partners are also invited to share what their organizations are working on. It's a great learning opportunity that we hope sparks collaboration and stronger conservation across Utah.

UCC Meeting June 25th at 2:00 pm

This public meeting covers agency updates, funding programs, and other statewide conservation matters.

Each zone has a conservation district supervisor who represents your CD and shares local input.

Questions? Contact sedginton@utah.gov

UCC Tour June 26th 8:30 am

Visit conservation projects in Zone 3.

The tour includes stops at a weed control project, Tibble Fork Dam, a water diversion site funded through a Water Optimization Grant, school garden and more.

See conservation in action and learn more about the impact of partnerships on the ground.

2025 UACD Convention November 5th and 6th

Join us at the Dixie Center in St. George for an event focused on strengthening conservation efforts and collaboration. Registration will be live soon. While you wait, secure your hotel room today!

We want your input! Please take a moment to fill out the **short survey** below and let us know what you'd like to see at the convention.

Two-Minute Convention Survey



98% of CDs Paid UACD Dues - Thank You

Thank you to the 35 Conservation Districts - 92% statewide - that paid their UACD dues this year! Your support is vital to funding our work and serving CDs across Utah.

With recent federal funding changes, our nonprofit is facing challenges like understaffing and delayed reimbursements. Your dues are more important than ever.

Despite this, we remain committed to advocating for you at the state and federal levels and supporting your conservation efforts on the ground.

If you have dues questions please contact Kristy Davis..

