

Utah Association of Conservation Districts July 22nd Update

ZEC Meetings Provide Platform for Fire Talks



The second round of Zone Executive Committee (ZEC) meetings were held in Zones 1, 2, 4, and 5. Zone 5's call stood out for addressing urgent fire concerns. District supervisors emphasized the need for better coordination during controlled burns and wildfires, and are considering a fire management resolution. They also asked UACD to draft a fire-related letter for elected officials that the districts can personalize and send as a district or an individual.

ZEC meetings follow each UACD Board meeting and bring together UACD Board members, UCC representative, Resource Coordinators, CD Chairs and UACD staff through Zoom or phone. UACD Zone Directors share board updates, while districts share local needs and successes. These meetings help districts coordinate, collaborate, and ensure their voices are heard at the state level.

UACD's First-Ever Photo Contest!

The theme is "**Agriculture and Conservation Across America**", and it's open to CD supervisors, employees, partners, friends, kids, and the general public.

Everyone connected to Utah's Conservation Districts is living conservation or seeing it in action every day — so take a moment to capture it and share your photos!

One goal of the contest is to spark conservation and agricultural interest with new audiences. We encourage districts to share the contest with high school photography teachers, amateur and professional photographers, and others in your community. Help us spread the word and grow the conservation conversation together!

Winners will be selected by the UACD Auxiliary at the UACD Convention!

Agriculture & Conservation Across America

Photo Contest

The Utah Association of Conservation Districts (UACD) invites you to show how agriculture and conservation work together in our state. Winning photos should connect to the theme:

“Agriculture and Conservation Across America.”

You can submit images of barns, crops, livestock, grazing lands, and youth in conservation activities. All photos must highlight the relationship between agriculture and conservation in Utah.

UTAH CONTEST

\$100.00 Grand Prize

Youth Division: 11 - 18 as of December 1, 2025
Adult Division: 19 and older as of December 1, 2025.



REGISTER NOW

NATIONAL CONTEST

\$100 Grand Prize

2nd place -\$50

Due September 30, 2025



Submit Your Photo Now!

UACD Convention

2025 UACD Convention Invitation

Conservation District Supervisors, Staff, and Partners - Please plan to attend the 2025 UACD Convention! We'll have the partner presentations, Conservation District highlights, informative breakout sessions, a legislative panel and more!

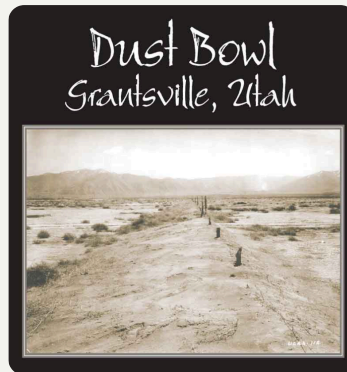


2025 UACD Convention
Nov 5-6, St. George, UT



Keynote Speaker: Peter Byck

Director and “wrangler of scientists” behind *Roots So Deep*, a four-part documentary exploring how ranchers, both adaptive and conventional, approach grazing, land health, and economics. Peter uses science and storytelling to reveal grazing’s impact on our land and future.



Guest Speaker: Pat Hearty

Pat will reflect on how the Dust Bowl reached Utah, hitting the Grantsville area hard and triggering a local conservation response. Overgrazing in the Stansbury Mountains led to serious soil loss, and the Grantsville Conservation District played a key role in the land’s recovery.



2025 Resolutions

Resolutions shape UACD’s state and federal conservation policy and should reflect the specific needs and priorities of your district. CD Chairs will receive copies of sunseting resolutions by mail to review during upcoming meetings. Submit new resolutions to Kristy.

Register for the Convention Today!

Conservation District Websites

All dues-paying Conservation Districts are eligible for a free webpage hosted on the UACD website. These pages are a great way to highlight your district’s programs, contact information, events, and local impact.

If your district doesn’t have one yet, fill out the form below. It’s quick, easy, and a great way to stay connected with your community!



UACD WILL MAKE **FREE** POSTER CONTEST MATERIALS

For all Dues Paying Conservation Districts

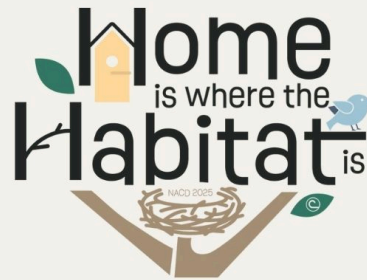
Custom Digital Package Includes:

Advertising posters

Social media advertising posts

Winner certificates

Social media posts announcing winners



DISTRICT DETERMINES WHAT GRADE(S) YOU WANT TO OFFER THE CONTEST TO AND PRIZES!

**District level contest due dates on or before
September 30**



**Contact Desiree to get yours
desiree.vandyke@uacd.org or 801-634-1870**



Upcoming Dates

Soil Health Field Day

Aug. 22nd, 10:00 am - Panguitch

Soil Health Field Day

Aug. 22nd, 6:00 am - Salt Lake

Soil Health Field Day

Sept. 16th - Lewiston

November UACD Board Meeting

Nov. 4th - St. George

2026 Utah Water Users

March 2026

2026 Soil Health in the West

Feb. 10 -12, 2026 - St. George

UACD State Convention

November 5-6, 2025, St. George



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