

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts



2005 Legislative Conference

Embassy Suites, Lincoln, January 25th and 26th

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, along with Nebraska's 23 state wide Districts, who work diligently in assisting and addressing natural resource concerns in their respective districts extend this invitation to attend our 2005 Legislative Meeting. This year's conference will feature legislative speakers, sessions and activities that are sure to keep attendees informed of issues pertinent to Nebraska's natural resources.



Tuesday

Participate in the NARD Legislative process and positions on legislative bills. State Senators and other key leaders will be speaking on current issues. Tuesday will include a Senators' Reception at the Embassy Suites.

Wednesday

A day of concurrent sessions that are sure to be of interest to directors, NRD staff, and agency staff persons. We encourage newly elected directors to attend this meeting. Sessions will include education and training on NRD responsibilities. We're planning plenty of variety in each session, providing something of interest for everyone. Continuing Education Units will be awarded for appropriate sessions, and Michael Tefft, NRD's financial representative will hold an update session on the NRD Employee Insurance and Retirement Program.

Motel Information

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites with a room rate of \$119 for single or double occupancy. Included in this rate is a complimentary two-hour cocktail reception Monday evening, and a complimentary buffet with cook to order breakfast each morning. These room rates are available until January 3, 2005. Make your reservations soon 402/474-1111 or 1-800-EMBASSY and request the NARD room block.

Registration Information

The registration form is located on the last page of this letter. Registration deadline is Wednesday January 12, 2005. "Walk-In" registrations will be an additional \$25 fee per person. Cancellations after January 14th will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. No refunds will be awarded after January 19, 2005.



In This Letter

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Visit our web-site www.nrdnet.org for a continuously updated agenda

*Tentative Agenda
Monday January 24, 2005*

- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. NRD Managers Meeting, Lower Platte South NRD*
- NARD Legislative Committee to meet immediately following the managers meeting,
Lower Platte South NRD*
- 1:00 NRD Staff Information & Education Meeting, Embassy Suites*

*Tuesday January 25, 2005
Embassy Suites*

- 7:30 a.m. NARD Fiscal Planning & Budget Committee Breakfast Meeting*
- NARD Program and Planning Committee Breakfast Meeting*
- 8:00 Registration*
- 9:00 Opening Remarks, Governor Mike Johanns (invited)*
- 9:15 Water Policy Task Force Update*
- 10:00 Framing Legislative Issues and Discussion of Proposed Legislation of Interest*
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon*
- 1:30 Caucus*
- 3:00 Action on Proposed Legislation*

*Wednesday January 26, 2005
Embassy Suites*

7:30 a.m. *NARD and NRD Staff Information & Education Committee Breakfast Meeting*

NARD Native Vegetation and Forestry Subcommittee Breakfast Meeting

8:00 *Registration*

Concurrent Sessions

8:30 - 9:15 *USDA/NRCS Conservation Programs Update*

Total Maximum Daily Load Update (TMDL)

Integrated Management Plan Updates

9:20 - 10:05 *NRD Director Legislative Responsibilities*

Livestock Waste Program Update

Staff development session with humorist and motivational speaker, Juli Burney - Part 1

10:20 - 11:05 *Partnership Opportunities - DEQ, NRCS and DNR*

CREP/Watershed Planning

Staff Development session with humorist and motivational speaker, Juli Burney - Part 2

11:10 - 11:55 *Accountability and Disclosure Reporting for Board Members*

Statewide Monitoring Efforts

GASB 34, New Audit Requirements

12:00 p.m. *Luncheon*

1:30 *NRD Insurance and Retirement Program Updates*

NARD Board of Directors Meeting

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Pallid Sturgeon Study Group Meeting