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The National Watershed Coalition is a nonprofit organization composed of national, regional, state, and local organizations, associations and individuals who advocate using watersheds as the planning and implementation unit when dealing with natural resource problems.

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Dear Friends,

Your commitment to watershed work and the National Watershed Coalition is an important part of our continuing success. Each year we ask you to consider joining or renewing your NWC membership. Your contributions make it possible to continue our efforts in support of watershed partnerships through education, advocacy, and action. Your NWC membership is important to us and we work hard to produce significant results!

As 2022 draws to a close, we are encouraged about the future. Conditions related to the pandemic and public health concerns appear to be improving. Things look far more normal than they have in a good while, and the opportunity to meet and train safely in person with regard for public health has returned. Our staff and leadership have been busy meeting with folks in multiple states and attending events held by our Watershed Program partners. With continued diligence and innovative action, 2022 was a good year for the USDA Small Watershed Program and project sponsors across the Nation.

As NWC Chair and Vice Chair, we know the success the Watershed Program partnership enjoyed was not a chance occurrence. The Coalition worked at many levels to create an environment for success. Whether in Washington, DC or out in the countryside, our ideas and actions made a difference. Examples include our time spent in Washington DC advocating for the Watershed Program and project sponsors, as well as the continuing education webinar series we launched in response to restrictions on travel and in-person meetings. While more than 2,600 people participated in our 2021-2022 webinar and virtual meetings, in 2022 we were able to meet in person with sponsors in Kentucky, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, as well as with State Conservation Agency partners in Nashville. These in-person sessions were a reminder of what great members and partners we enjoy.

We continue to upgrade and improve our redesigned Website and Facebook page as an easily accessible source for Watershed Sponsor resources and educational materials. A host of resources for project sponsors and a number of Program success stories with information about how the sponsors found project success have been included. **And as you've requested, membership dues can now be paid by credit card online!** www.watershedcoalition.org

We continue to provide assistance and consultation to our members, Watershed and RCPP project sponsors, partner organizations, and friends at USDA-NRCS. This aspect of our work has grown as both Federal funding and budgets for local, state and national agency efforts have improved. Our work with partners has also helped address challenges we all face in meeting Watershed Program responsibilities. Coalition staff, along with the tremendous resource our members represent, are always just a phone call or email away. We are always willing to engage and give your needs our very best effort.



The NWC staff and membership continue to spend an increasing amount of time and resources with USDA-NRCS partners through our Cooperative Contribution Agreement. Whether we're producing educational materials, providing webinar training, promoting the benefits of watershed work done by our sponsor members, or sharing management strategies for watershed work. We are proud of the work, the products, and the benefits realized in cooperation with NRCS.

2023 holds great promise for the Coalition and watershed work. Our ability to achieve success in 2023 is tied directly to your participation, input, and expertise. The strength of the Coalition is found in the ideas and actions of our members. Please consider joining or renewing your membership. The forms and instructions can be found in this mailing as well as on our website: www.watershedcoalition.org We're counting on you!

Lisa Knauf Owen, NWC Chair Tina Hendon, Vice Chair

With Your Support in 2023 the NWC Will:

- ❖ Continue working with sponsors to build partnerships with agencies and organizations that share common goals and objectives. Partnerships equal strength.
- ❖ Provide project sponsor driven consultation in the effort to streamline and modernize the Watershed Program.
- ❖ Work with NRCS to find ways to accelerate NRCS remedial and repair efforts.
- ❖ Continue to publish information materials about watershed dam rehabilitation
- ❖ Continue to keep USDA-NRCS informed and educated concerning the technical assistance and program support needs of watershed project sponsors.
- ❖ Assist NRCS with training to improve watershed technical assistance delivery and customer service to watershed project sponsors.
- ❖ Build leadership capacity and volunteer opportunities for watershed project sponsors through NWC sponsored activities.
- ❖ Continue to provide individual direct assistance to state watershed coalitions as well as state and local governments.
- ❖ Continue outreach, guidance and consultation with watershed program partners.
- ❖ Work with our partners to find more ways to address operation and maintenance concerns across the nation.
- ❖ Continue to work with national leaders for approval of new projects and funding for existing projects and rehabilitation of aging dams.

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