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National Watershed Coalition

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 2023 winds down, we are encouraged about the future. Conditions related to the pandemic that impacted in person meetings appear to be much improved. Things look more normal and the opportunity to meet and train safely in person has returned. Our staff and leadership have been busy meeting with folks in multiple states and attending events held by our Watershed Program partners. Our own October National Meeting in Salt Lake City was well attended, as was our March O&M session held in Decatur, TX. With diligence and innovative action, 2023 was a good year for the USDA Small Watershed Program and project sponsors across the Nation.

As NWC Chair I 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 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.

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 continue to be added there.

*So please consider joining or renewing your membership. Join us in improving and shaping both the Program and our Nation's landscape. Our members are our most important resource! **As you've requested, membership dues can now be paid by credit card online!***
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We look forward to hearing from you!

Tina Hendon, Chairwoman

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With Your Support in 2024 the NWC Will:

- ❖ Conduct workshops and webinars on Operation and Maintenance of Dams, Land Rights, Easement Management, PFIR Development, EWP and other areas of watershed project management and sponsor responsibilities.
- ❖ Continue working with sponsors to build partnerships with agencies and organizations that share common goals and objectives. Partnerships equals strength.
- ❖ Provide 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.
- ❖ We will provide individual direct assistance to state watershed coalitions as well as state and local governments.

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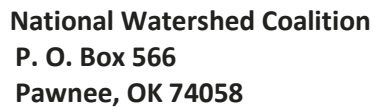
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