***COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS***

***2021 AWARDS CATEGORIES AND TIMELINES***

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| ***Award*** | ***Due Date*** | ***Comments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR****Nominated by Conservation Districts to watersheds for vote.**Open to all educators, teachers, or non-teachers.****Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Educator’s Background &******Accomplishments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE YEAR****Nominated by Conservation Districts to watersheds for vote.**Application to indicate why the best district.****Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***District’s Accomplishments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION DISTRICT EDUCATION******PROGRAM OF THE YEAR*** *Nominated by Conservation Districts to watersheds for vote.****Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Ed Program Background******& Accomplishments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST~*** ***2021 Poster Theme:******“Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities”****CD State Entries Judged at CACD Annual Meeting by* *General Membership and AM Attendees. CD is responsible to get the nominated posters to the CACD Annual Meeting.* | ***November 16th****By 8:00 AM**@ the CACD Annual Meeting* | ***CACD submits poster contest winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) to NACD by December 1st. Must have parent’s signed permission to compete at National level.*** |
| ***CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR~****Nominated to CACD by each Watershed; Conservation Districts are responsible for submitting nominations at watershed meetings. Each watershed then may nominate l MembershipYEAR" up to one* *in each of the four categories:****Farmer, Rancher, Forestry/Mining, and*** ***Outstanding Small Acreage ~ Under 100 Acres*** ***Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Farmer:******Rancher:******Small Acreage:******Forestry/Mining:*** |
| ***SHERMAN BLACH MEMORIAL PHOTO CONTEST****Judged at Annual Meeting in 4 Categories:** *Conservation Practices*
* *Close Up Conservation*
* *Conservation in Action*
* *Ag/Conservation Across America*

***Districts to submit nominations directly to CACD*** | ***October 1st*** | ***CACD Awards Committee submits photo contest winners to NACD by December 1st.*** |
| ***OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR AWARD******\*Nominations submitted by Districts directly to CACD.*** |  ***October 1st*** | ***Background & accomplishments of Supervisor*** |
| ***OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR AWARD****(Senator and Representative Awards)* *Nominations made by CACD Lobbyist and awarded by* *CACD Legislative Committee.* | ***October 1st*** | ***House of Representatives:*** ***Senate:*** |
| ***CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME AWARD****Founded in honor of Gerald Mathes; ballot process by CACD and CSCB for service in Conservation in Colorado.* *(Nominees may be deceased or living.)* *Inductee nominations from Districts submitted directly to* *CACD Awards Committee.****\*Supervisors not eligible if they have already won*** ***this award in the past.*** | ***October 1st*** | ***CACD Hall of Fame Award:*** ***Nominee’s background and accomplishments.*** |
| ***OUTSTANDING DISTRICT EMPLOYEE****Nominations by Districts submitted directly to the****CO Employee’s Association.*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Recognition by CCDEA***  |
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*Soil and Water Conservation Society Awards (SWCS) and NRCS Earth Team Awards are presented during the CACD Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony Luncheon;*

*Nominations and Award Selections for SWCS and NRCS awards handled by SWCS and NRCS.*

***CACD is not involved in the nomination/selection process.***

***NOMINEES SUBMITTED TO CACD ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF THEY HAVE WON THE AWARD***

***IN THE LAST THREE YEARS***

***Award Nominations to CACD to be submitted to CACD via email:***

*Attn: ED, Bobbi Ketels –* ***bobbi@coloradoacd.org***

 ***Nominations for Employee of the Year to be submitted directly to:***

*CO Conservation District Employees Association (CCDEA)*

 *c/o Andrea Richardson – Agate Conservation District*

 *Email:* **agatecocd@gmail.com** *Phone:* **719-400-9733**