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Annual Conservation Meeting a Success

CACD's 63rd Annual Meeting, Sustaining Agriculture and The Environment, held November 12 – 15 was a successful event with over 200 individuals in attendance representing Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD), Colorado's 77 Conservation Districts statewide, the Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB), Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, and Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, among others. The Annual Meeting consisted of informative breakout sessions on subjects ranging from Improving Irrigation Water Management to Funding for Urban Districts and Landowners; from Healthy Forest, Beetle Kill Urban/Forest Interface to Short Grass Prairie Project overview, to name a few.

Through the colorful emcee talents of John Redding of the National Association of Conservation Districts, having flown in from Georgia to join the CACD Annual Meeting festivities, John provided CACD Annual Banquet participants with much laughter through his good humor. An exceptional presentation was made by Camp Rocky youth during the banquet which provided for an enlightening exchange of information in conservation education.

The hard work and accomplishments of conservationists throughout the state were recognized in the Annual Meeting award ceremonies, with Center Conservation District receiving the CACD District of the Year award and Bent Conservation District receiving CSCB Conservation District of the Year award. Senator Ken Salazar received Legislator of the Year and the Temple and Robinson families received Conservationists of the Year awards in the ranching and farming divisions. Many individuals were recognized for their effective conservation efforts throughout this year. The Annual Meeting provides a forum for these hard working men and women to join together to discuss their accomplishments and to exchange ideas to carry into the coming year. CACD looks forward to its 64th Annual Meeting, November 2008.