

Utah State Technical Committee

Linking Producers and Partners to Conservation Policy



Overview

Locally-led conservation is key in our work at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Members of our State Technical Committee are an important voice in our efforts to implement the conservation provisions of the Farm Bill.

Committee Role

The State Technical Committee has an advisory role, providing information, analysis, and recommendations to the NRCS State Conservationist on issues related to Farm Bill conservation legislation. Members may also organize into subcommittees to provide NRCS more detailed information.

Program issues that may be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ State program management policies and procedures;
- ◆ Technical program recommendations;
- ◆ Statewide public information and outreach campaigns;
- ◆ Identification of significant statewide natural resource concerns;
- ◆ Guidance on developing ranking criteria for application evaluation;
- ◆ Technical guidance on conservation practices, including new, innovative practices;

- ◆ Cost-share rates, incentive payment limits and methods of payment;
- ◆ Identifying, monitoring and analyzing performance indicators;
- ◆ Evaluating and reporting program impacts on natural resources and the environment; and
- ◆ Coordinating with other Federal, State, tribal, and local public and private activities

Committee Members

The State Conservationist presides as the chair of the State Technical Committee. The committee is composed of individuals who represent a variety of natural resource sciences and occupations.

Representatives on the committee may include federal and state agencies, Tribal governments and organizations, conservation districts, extension offices, nonprofit organizations, agricultural producers, agribusinesses,



and persons knowledgeable about conservation techniques.

To participate on the Committee, individuals or groups may submit a request to the State Conservationist that explains their interest and outlines their natural resource credentials.

Get Involved Locally

Local Work Groups across Utah act as subcommittees to the State Technical Committee and are based on conservation district boundaries.

These groups meet annually to discuss their community natural resource concerns with their NRCS District Conservationist and provide recommendations and input to the State Technical Committee.

Learn more about the NRCS Utah State Technical Committee by visiting www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-state/utah/technical-committee, or email Kia Earl at zakiyyah.earl@usda.gov.

Find your Local Work Group:

- ◆ Contact your Utah Conservation District at <https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/conservation-division/conservation-districts/>
- ◆ Contact your local USDA Service Center at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/utah#contact>

