# **District Reports for Area Meetings**

Districts are asked to create reports each year ahead of MACD's area meetings. These reports are a valuable tool to help communicate your district's accomplishments to partners, legislators, and members of your community.

This year, we are asking districts to try out a template for these reports. The template is designed to help you put together a report that is visually appealing, concise, and interesting. It is available to districts on Canva and as a downloadable Word document, or districts can submit information through a Jotform for direct formatting assistance from MACD. *Please note that this is a guide and not a required format-feel free to make adjustments, add/remove sections, and be creative to make sure your district's unique accomplishments shine through!* 

**What we're building:** This is the example we used to build our template. The second page (backside) of the template is additional information not included in this example.

### Thurston Conservation District

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### Other Accomplishments



Thurston CD led the implementation of our Voluntary Stewardship Program to increase agricultural viability and assist local farmers.



Attendees of a Grazing and Fencing Systems Workshop at Riverbend Ranch learn about range management and native prairie conservation. Photo by Nora White



Students learn about ocean acidification on field trips lead by South Sound GREEN as part of climate literacy and monitoring efforts. Photo by Stephanie Bishop

#### 2019 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

#### Building a Bridge Between Farms and Fish

#### Resource Challenge

Degraded culverts on a Delphi Valley farmer's driveway blocked fish passage and stream flow on the East Fork of McLane Creek in the Eld Inlet watershed.

The creek ran the risk of over-topping the driveway, washing out, and further limiting fish passage. The East Fork of McLane Creek supports Cutthroat Trout, Olympic Mud Minnow, Coho and Chum Salmon, and steelhead. The blocked culverts prevented fish from accessing habitat, and jeopardized access to half of the farm property.



A clear before and after of the blockage, and resulting open flow of the creek. Photo by Nora White

Project Summary and Results
The project removed the
deteriorating culverts and replaced
them with a bridge that fully
spans the creek. The bridge allows
for fish to move freely while also
letting trees and debris move
down the creek during winter
storm events. The removal of these
culverts opened up an additional
1.2 miles of McLane Creek for
salmon spawning and rearing of
juvenile salmon. Additionally, this

small farm has a safe crossing for equipment and vehicles. Livestock exclusion fencing preceded the bridge installation, while youth field trips to plant a native riparian buffer along the creek followed.



#### **Key Partners**

Salmon Recovery Funding Board; Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund (administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office); Puget Sound Partnership

An Olympia Mud Minnow is found during the "fish-out" where fish are removed from the creek during the bridge installation. Photo by Mara Healy

### Priorities for 2020...

- ▶ Help 150 producers currently on waiting list for technical assistance, conservation planning and/or cost-share.
- Apply for and leverage funding to facilitate working lands easement program in Thurston County area, while
  protecting Endangered Species Act-listed species.
- Launch local riparian planting landowner incentive program in partnership with Thurston County.

# Option 1: Use this template on Canva

### **Conservation District Annual Report Template**

#### Canva Instructions:

- 1. Click the link above and sign in using your area's <u>Canva Login Information</u>
- 2. Create a copy of the template
- 3. Fill out the form as accurately as possible
- 4. Click Share on the top right corner of the page
  - a. Click Download
  - b. Click on File type (by default it should say PNG Suggested) and chose PDF
     Print
  - c. Check the Flatten PDF box
  - d. Select All pages
  - e. Click Download

# Option 2: Use this template as a Word Doc

District Annual Report Template (Doc)

# Option 3: Submit your district information to MACD

## District Annual Report Template Form

Starting this year, MACD can help to turn your photos and accomplishments into a completed district report! Fill in the form above and submit, and MACD will fill it into the template (again, no need to fill in every space if it doesn't apply to your district, but the more material we have to work with the better). The deadline to submit is September 13, 2024.