

**Conservation Leadership Awards:**



The Arizona Natural Resource Conservation Districts State Association would like to take the time to thank a few of the many people who in the last year were critical in furthering the conservation of soil and water in the State of Arizona for our future generations.

It takes a long line of professionals, volunteers, and natural resource stewards to get a conservation practice on the ground. It is not only the folks on the ground putting in the fence, installing the solar panels, or leveling the ground for irrigation efficiency that push conservation forward; It is also those in the office writing plans, designing practices, and promoting programs. It is also the members of our Legislature and the Congress analyzing budgets that will determine funding of the programs and Conservation Districts. For over 65 years it is also the Supervisors that serve as volunteers, covering the state and interacting with agricultural producers, small acreage landowners, and urban communities.

Conservation is not only what we talk about, but what we do..... on the land, with the water, and for the wildlife and our communities.

We have recognized the following conservation leaders:

***“A Good Hand “Award***

***2010***

**Senator Sylvia Allen**

**Representative Jack Brown (retired)**

**Senator Steve Pierce**

---

***“A Good Hand “Award***

***2011***

State Conservationist **David McKay (retired)**

District Conservationist **David Matthews (retired)**

Coronado RC&D Coordinator **Donna Matthews (retired)**

---

***Conservation Leadership Award***

**2011**

Tonto NRCD- Chairwoman, **Tommie Martin**

Laguna NRCD- Supervisor, **Sheryl Christenson**

---

***Conservation Heritage Award***

**2011**

Big Sandy NRCD – Supervisor **Victor Wakimoto (retired)**

Yuma/Laguna NRCD – Supervisor **Bill Rogers (retired)**

Eloy NRCD – Supervisor **R. Gale Pearce (posthumously)**