

- On Oct 18, 2018, 15 of 18 invited Supervisors and cooperators attended an Advisory meeting hosted by Commissioner Atkins. It was an open meeting that allowed everyone to talk about success and concerns of not only NRCD's but NRCS, ASLD and AACD.
- A list of **topics that I am working** on include: Share budget submittal with Daric Knight, Funding clarification to Matt Klump, Refer relevant questions from legislators and legislative staff to districts for expertise (first they need to know about districts), talk to AZ First about buses to get kids to NRCD gardens, forensic study of annual plans and work plans to assess needs that ed centers fill, look at state conservation requirements and align with environmental education efforts, newsletter article to AACD.
- **Topics for attendees** to also address included: Frank will check in with Steve Barker about communication, need a list of projects where G&F, state parks, ASLD and NRCDs are working together (this will highlight the need for an MOU between NRCDs and state agencies!!), research Chino/Triangle NRCD's contractual arrangement for archaeology surveys to assess whether can be duplicated elsewhere.
- The next Advisory meeting is January 10, 2019. We will be meeting quarterly and I will share notes as possible.
- I attended the Tonto Natural Resource Conservation Districts (NRCD) meeting on November 8, 2018, in Globe. A copper **Tree of Life Award** was presented to Terry Wheeler (center) for his more than 30 years involvement with the district. Supervisors, (left to right) Lori Brown, Tommie Martin and Francis Cline presented the gift.



- **ASLD will be hosting the second day of the AACD winter meeting Jan 31, 2019** in the basement conference room. There were a few topics listed on the last newsletter I want to reference.
- Elections are listed as a topic and Frank Krentz asked at the Oct 18, 2018 Advisory meeting if ASLD was suggesting moving elections for the NRCD's to the general election, when state and federal elections occur. I wanted to let you know that there is **no possibility** of that happening as it would not benefit NRCD's and is unnecessary. **Elections will remain** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of May on a biannual basis. The idea is to clarify and simplify the elections and ensure that it is within the legal process. Any ideas or potential legislation for improving the elections process will be vetted through the districts.
- Please come to the meeting scheduled for Jan 31, 2019 at 2pm at ASLD and I will provide updated information on many topics and answer all your questions.
- I ran up Camelback on November 7, 2018 and was the fifth fastest women ever on Strava.