**MEETING NOTES - Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

**Welcome and Introductions of Attendees** – Doug Rushton, Pacific Region Vice Chair (WA)

- See list of attendees at the end of document.

**Update: Natural Resources Policy Activities** – Mary Scott, NACD Natural Resources Policy Specialist (DC)

- Mary joined NACD in March 2020, she’s based in DC and originally from Idaho
- DOI released a **Draft Invasive Species Management Plan**, with the goal of strengthening collaboration within DOI and with local and state stakeholder groups.

  **More Information:**
  - Draft Invasive Species Management Plan
  - Information on specific virtual Listening Sessions (RSVPs Required)
    - Tribal Teleconference Consultation – Sept. 17, 4:00pm, EDT
    - Alaska Native Corporations Teleconference – Sept. 22, 4:00pm, EDT
    - General Listening Session Teleconference – Sept. 24 and 28, 4:00pm, EDT

**NACD Actions:**
- Natural Resource Policy Committee and the Invasive Species Resource Policy Group will review and submit comments if applicable.
- Roland Quitugua was involved in the original draft document and will provide that information to Mary and Ariel.

- The recently introduced **Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020** would provide additional resources and tools for mitigating wildfire risk. The bill would:
  - Pilot landscape-level projects to mitigate wildfire risk in up to 3 states in the west
  - Create categorical exclusions for fuel breaks
  - Provide more flexibility to FEMA dollars allowing them to be used for wildfire damage
  - Provide funding for forestry workforce development
  - Establish a western fire center providing training for firefighters and forestry professionals
  - Provide grants and loans to expand biomass facilities

**NACD Actions:**
- Mary is working with offices on Capitol Hill to provide additional info in support of the bill on behalf of conservation districts.

- Mary is available as a resource, and readily available to discuss natural resource policy issues and answer any questions.

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Update: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – Kim LaFleur, NACD Second Vice President (MA)

- A subcommittee through the District Operations and Membership Services (DOMS) Committee is collecting materials related DEI. Materials will be:
  - Available on members-only part of NACD website
  - Incorporated into District Officials Training Program modules
- NACD President Tim Palmer will convene a DEI task force with representation from across the US and from various partners
  - The Task force will look at the recent NACD Statement on DEI and incorporate actions into a concrete plan.
- The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) has done an extensive amount of work related to DEI, recent updates:
  - CARCD released a 4-page letter
  - They followed up with a voluntary, 2-hour call with 55 attendees from throughout the state discussing DEI and including readings and short activities
  - The next call will involve discussions of vulnerability, the cycle of decision making, and creating equitable workplaces
  - CARCD will share notes and is willing to support others in their DEI programs, but the calls remain closed to those in CA for the time being.

Discussion: Pacific Region Webinars – Doug Rushton, Pacific Region Vice Chair (WA)

- After the success of the recent Forestry RPG Webinar Series, Doug sees value in conducting Pacific Region webinars to highlight different projects and programs
  
  **NACD Actions:**
  - Keeping in mind the Pacific Region Communications Plan (see attached), Ariel will draft a proposal for a monthly series of webinars, virtual tours, short videos, etc. to feature district activities, in collaboration with the NACD Board Member from each state.

Additional State and RPG Updates

**Tribal RPG:**

- Larry Davis, Supervisor with Whatcom CD (WA) serves as the Tribal RPG Chair.
  - He’s in his 12th year as a CD supervisor, so will likely transition out of the role within the coming year, in which case he can no longer serve as the Chair
- Three federal agencies have signed an MOU in cooperation with the Tribal RPG
- Larry will reach out to the Chairs of other RPGs to join on future tribal calls and look for opportunities to collaborate.
- Also serve on Coastal RPG.
- Larry is also participating in the Western Regional Partnership Tribal Temporary Work Group, which includes six western states

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Alaska:
- Subsection of Pacific Region comprised of geographically disadvantaged states.
  - In ’06-07 NACD helped Alaska and others advocate for a mini grant program to support farmers in disadvantaged states.
- A large cover cropping project with NRCS will implement trials throughout the state

Guam:
- Roland would like some follow-up information about how NACD can support the Department of Defense’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program
- USDA-APHIS is also putting together an invasive species conference for the Pacific, planned for Dec. 2020 in person (tentatively), with a virtual contingency plan
  - Roland has requested the presence of NACD at this meeting. He will follow-up with Michael Crowder

Hawaii:
- Suggestions welcome for how to conduct the Land Judging Contest during COVID
  - Others provided ideas of examples: NCF-Envirotlon, FFA and 4-H programs

Oregon:
- Currently working on advocacy training with districts, and seeing much higher attendance virtually than they typically do in person
- Working on some projects on the protection of working lands in collaboration with Oregon Global Climate Commission, and the role of SWCDs in Oregon’s conservation story
- Annual meeting will take place Nov. 10

Washington:
- WACD is working to protect association’s assets, plant sales are currently down (which has reduced revenue for WACD)
- Planning for upcoming legislative session

Additional Outcomes:
- With most state meetings occurring virtually, please consider having an NACD Officer to participate in these meetings. Please use the NACD Speaker Request Form or contact Ariel Rivers for support

UPCOMING MEETINGS
- Pacific Region Bi-Monthly Zoom, Nov. 3, 2020 – Zoom
  - Please send any agenda items and materials to Ariel by Oct. 20.
- NACD Annual Meeting, Feb. 6-10. 2021 – New Orleans, LA
- NACD Summer Meeting, July 24-27, 2021 – Chicago, IL

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Pacific Region Dues Updates (as of August 31, 2020):

- Districts can pay FY20 districts through September.
- NACD will send the dues notices for the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2020.
- Tom Wehri encouraged board members to reach out to their respective districts to encourage dues payments.
- Documents to support membership outreach are available on the Board of Directors and the Pacific Region Webpages.

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# PACIFIC REGION COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

**ALASKA, AMERICAN SAMOA, CALIFORNIA, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, GUAM, HAWAII, IDAHO, OREGON, PALAU, WASHINGTON**

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| Bi-Monthly Call Email             | Remind NACD Pacific Region board members of monthly call. Include agenda and call-in numbers. | **Primary**: Board members  
**Secondary**: EDs and state contacts | Bi-Monthly  
**Initial email**: Thurs. before call  
**Follow-up**: day before call |
| Bi-Monthly Zoom                   | Discussion of opportunities, challenges, resource concerns, project updates, etc. from across the region. | NACD Board Members, State Association Executive Directors and Staff. Please | Bi-Monthly, the first Tuesday:  
- Nov 3, 2020 04:00 PM Pacific  
- Jan 5, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific  
- Mar 2, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific  
- May 4, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific  
- Jul 6, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific |
| Region newsletter                 | Provide news/updates for/about/tailored to the region, e.g., region spotlight | **Primary**: Districts, partners, EDs, state contacts  
**Secondary**: Board members | Every month, approximately 2-weeks after Bi-Monthly Calls |
| Region webpage                    | Provide news and updates for region                                     | **Primary**: Board members  
**Secondary**: EDs, state contacts, districts, partners | At least monthly, or as needed |
| Pacific Region Webinars and/or Virtual Tours | Showcase region projects via webinars, short videos, or other virtual platforms to provide ideas and opportunities to learn from district activities | Board Members, EDs, state contacts, NACD Officers and staff, districts, partners | At least one per member state or territory throughout the year |
| Annual Dues Update                | Provide a complete, state by state picture of dues payments for the previous Fiscal Year | NACD Board Members and Officers | October, after the end of the Fiscal Year |
| Emails as needed                  | Provide news/updates to or request action from associations and/or state contacts | **Primary**: EDs and state contacts  
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