



# PACIFIC REGION CHECK-IN

Alaska, American Samoa, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Palau, Washington

## MEETING NOTES - JAN. 5, 2021

### **REGION ELECTIONS**

- With voting members from California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, a quorum was reached and the region elections proceeded for Executive Board Member, Chair, and Vice Chair.
- Washington nominated Tom Wehri to for NACD's Executive Board, seconded by Oregon.
- Idaho nominated Doug Rushton for Chair, Seconded by Oregon.
- Guam nominated Mae Nakahat for Vice Chair, Seconded by WA.
- Kit Tillotson reminded the group that Tom Wehri is now entering his second term as the Pacific Region Executive Board Member, and he will term out at the end of this term. He suggested the region start building a leadership strategy to prepare for Tom's departure from the role.
- Doug Rushton thanked Kit for his mentorship and support in his role as Chair, with similar sentiments from Tom Wehri.

### **NACD ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES**

- Registration is only \$50. Already a high number of registrants from the Pacific, so please continue to encourage others to join.
- The business meeting portion of the meeting has no cost.
- We are still lacking some participation in RPG and committee meetings, so please ensure we have the latest contact information for your NACD Board Member, alternate, and any alternate to the alternates.

### **STATE AND PARTNER UPDATES**

#### ***California:***

- Kellyx Nelson provided info about the [Network for Landscape Conservation](#)
  - Working to include conservation districts in the conversation, hoping to bring NACD into conversations
- San Mateo RCD –developing initiative called cutting green tape
  - Hope to reduce barriers to advance stewardship and working to scale up restoration
  - For conservation districts to be seen as policy players

#### ***Guam:***

- Strategic planning for the Guam Association of Conservation Districts is moving forward; recently updated the bylaws
- Relationships with partner organizations are evolving

#### ***Hawaii:***

- State legislature provides some funding for districts
- But needs are expanding for farmers ranchers, for example, axis deer are huge problem – not enough food, so attack crops (food and water, no water in fields otherwise)
- NRCS programs do not support feral animals

#### ***Oregon:***

- OACD can have district staff on board
- A few district managers on board: extra vitality to the board with new membership, and provides additional geographic distribution
- Excellent annual meeting

### ***Washington:***

- WACD has ramped up communications with members to increase transparency
  - Developed new strategic plan
  - Recognizing their role as a service-based organization: what do those services look like and how to effectively communicate those. What do members want?
- Hybrid meeting for annual meeting next year
- DEI discussion at their annual meeting – everyone has different ideas about what DEI looks like

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- NACD Annual Meeting, Feb. 1-10, 2021 – *New Orleans, LA*
- NACD Summer Meeting, July 24-27, 2021 – *Chicago, IL*
- Pacific Region Bi-Monthly Zoom, Mar. 2, 2021– *Zoom*
  - Please send any agenda items and materials to Ariel by Feb. 20

### **ATTENDEES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Voting Board Member</b>
Rick Gomez, CARCD/IERCD	CA	Yes
Andrew Fritz, Placer RCD	CA	
Kellyx Nelson, San Mateo RCD	CA	
Tom Wehri, NACD/Placer RCD	Exec Board, CA	
Michael Crowder, NACD	First VP, WA	
Michael Aguon, GACD	GU	Yes
Erica Pangelinan, SGSWCD	GU	
Roland Quitugua, NGSWCD	GU	
Mae Nakahata, HACD/Maui SWCD	HI	Yes
Maggie Kramp, Maui SWCD	HI	
Michelle Watkins, HACD	HI	
Travis Thomason, NRCS	HI	
Kit Tillotson, IASCD/Portneuf SWCD	ID	Region Chair, Yes
Mandy Parkes, IERCD (Mandy Parkes)	NCDEA, CA	
Terri Preeg Riggsby (she/her), OACD/WMSWCD	OR	Yes
Tim Palmer, NACD	President, IA	
Kim LaFleur, NACD	Second VP, MA	
Doug Rushton, WACD	WA	Region Chair, Yes
Alan Chapman, Whatcom CD	WA	
Larry Davis, Whatcom CD	WA	
Tom Salzer, WACD	WA	
Wade Troutman, WACD	WA	

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