



# PACIFIC REGION MEETING

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

## MEETING NOTES - FEB. 3, 2021

### REGION PLANNING

Attendees reviewed the questions below to identify potential pathways forward for the region.

- How can Pacific Region leadership best serve you?
- How can Pacific Region best lead you?
- Is there anything else that we should discuss as region?

Board members and attendees identified the following as **key needs in the region**:

- Better communications between conservation districts, partners, and members across the region, specifically to share implementation ideas at landscape levels and to link with key funding agencies
- Identify opportunities to collaborate across the region, specifically on funding and increasing the visibility of conversation districts
- Share information on diversity, equity and inclusion and other high level, important topics

#### **Actions:**

1. Develop Pacific Region Task Force/Committees, lead by NACD Board Members, to push topics forward
2. [Pacific Region Forums](#) on NACD's Members Only page – provide a way for district staff and board members to login and post/discuss specific topics online.

### PACIFIC REGION RESOLUTIONS

Pacific Region States brought forth the following resolutions at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Those noted as passed have been added to the 2021 Policy Book and adopted as part of NACD's advocacy efforts.

#### **Oregon:**

NACD supports the continued implementation and enhancement of the ACEP program which allows landowners to voluntarily protect agricultural lands. – PASSED

NACD supports increasing funding for ACEP in the 2023 Farm Bill to meet demonstrated landowner demand for the program. – PASSED

NACD supports the responsible use of federal charitable tax incentives for landowner donation of working land easements, while providing safeguards to prevent tax shelters and abuse. – PASSED

NACD supports increasing the ACEP-Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE) federal match contribution to 80% in all cases. – FAILED

NACD supports allowing transaction costs to be eligible for ACEP-ALE funds, in addition to the purchase price of the easement. – FAILED

#### **Washington:**

NACD supports increased rural broadband internet and cell phone access, infrastructure, and affordability for all working lands and residents. – PASSED



# National Association of Conservation Districts

NACD supports the increased use of electronic and remote learning opportunities as part of training programs for conservation districts provided by state conservation agencies and USDA NRCS. – PASSED

## **ADDITIONAL REGION BUSINESS**

### ***Pacific and Southwest Joint Meeting***

- Planned for Aug. 30-31 in Jackson, Wyoming
- Agenda pending, to be posted online: <https://conservey.com/events/nacd-southwest-and-pacific-region-meeting/>

### ***Strategic Partnership Opportunities***

*Some organizations may have opportunities to address some of the key needs noted above for the region.*

- Western Governors Association
- National Association of Counties
- Department of Defense

### ***Dues Update – 4/21/21***

State	Dues FY-2021	% of Members	Dues FY-2020	Dues FY-2019	Dues FY-2018
Alaska	\$2,375	66.6%	\$2,600	\$2,156	\$2,060
American Samoa	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
California	\$10,331	24.7%	\$15,591	\$16,582	\$11,230
Federated States of Micronesia	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
Guam	\$1,550	66.6%	\$775	\$775	\$775
Hawaii	\$850	100%	\$850	\$850	\$850
Idaho	\$14,168	68.6%	\$17,687	\$18,646	\$15,478.50
Northern Mariana Islands	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oregon	\$14,301	56.5%	\$18,077	\$14,801	\$13,752
Palau	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
Washington	\$24,062	73.9%	\$25,654	\$27,103	\$24,257.50
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$67,637*</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>\$81,234.00</b>	<b>\$80,913.00</b>	<b>\$68,403.00</b>

\* Quarter 2 FY-2020 Total: \$67,713

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Pacific Region Bi-Monthly Zooms, 4 PM Pacific time  
*Please send any agenda items and materials to Ariel at least two weeks beforehand*
  - May 4, 2021
  - July 6, 2021
  - Sept. 7, 2021
  - Nov. 2., 2021
- NACD Summer Meeting, July 24-27, 2021 – Chicago, IL
- Pacific and Southwest Joint Meeting, Aug. 30-31, 2021 – Jackson Hole, WY

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