

Pacific Region Meeting Agenda, Sun., Feb. 12th, 2023, 1PM – 2:45 CST, Gallerie 5 – 2F:

We anticipate NACD staff, officers, and officer candidates may visit our meeting to address the region, thus agenda is subject to change.

1:00 PM – Welcome & Introductions

40+ members, partners, and staff attended the region meeting, including the following Pacific Region NACD Board Members:

Tom Wehri – Pacific Region Executive Board Member (CA)

Michael Aguon – Pacific Region Chair

Mae Nakahata – Pacific Region Vice Chair and NACD Board Member (HI)

Terri Preeg-Riggsby – Pacific Region Second Vice Chair & NACD Board Member (OR)

Dana Calvo – NACD Board Member (CNMI) – virtual attendance

Doug Rushton – NACD Board Member (WA)

Kathrina Reyes – NACD Board Member (GU)

Richard Kunau – NACD Board Member (ID)

Rick Gomez – NACD Board Member (CA)

Numerous other NACD RPG and committee members, alternate members, and district members were also present.

1:10 PM – Discussion Items

- Succession Planning – Region Board Members & Leadership Discussion
- There is a need to engage more interested district members in NACD, focusing on bringing aboard individuals more “eager” than “willing” to participate.
- New interest can be stimulated in NACD through mentoring of up-and-coming conservation district professionals.
- Strong recruitment efforts will help in regional goal setting and accomplishments.
- States with high levels of NACD involvement can inspire neighbors to participate more actively. The Pacific is a stronger region when nations, states, and territories look after one another.
- Region strategic and work plans can aid in executing region goals and maintaining focus through membership changes – capacity building opportunities are a priority.
- Joint training/workshop events in partnership with neighboring states, nations, and territories can promote broader learning and increased NACD involvement.
- Engaging and training next generation of leadership based on THEIR needs is important to preserve and pass along institutional knowledge.

1:30 PM – 2023 Work Plan Updates

- Region board members agreed that the region strategic plan and work plan would need to be adaptive in nature as NACD 2-year strategic plan experiences changes. The region strategic plan will be based upon NACD strategic plan. The region work plan will be based upon the region strategic plan. Caleb will send current region drafts to board members.
- Grant Skills Building Support
- Caleb plans to work with districts throughout the region in hopes of developing a workshop/networking event during the joint Pacific/SW NACD Region Meeting in August. The event will be focused on the many scales, strategies, and methods that districts have employed to reach their capacity building goals. The hope is to showcase the diversity of what “optimum capacity” looks like in districts throughout our region and hear from a broad scope of experiences along the way to aid the audience in setting and achieving their own targeted capacity goals.
- Resource Availability & Communication – tabled for a later date
- Committee/RPG Updates – NACD Committee/RPG Participants

Tribal RPG – Report on Tribal Consultation (Larry Davis - lcdavis48@outlook.com)

- focus on locally led & voluntary principles of organization
- federal statutory action to define “Tribal Consultation” specifically
- consultation must happen AHEAD of Rules, Laws, etc. being presented

Policy Book Task Force Updates (Larry Davis - lcdavis48@outlook.com)

- enhanced user friendliness of policy resolution process

Forestry RPG Updates (Doug Rushton - doug.rushton@thurstoncd.com)

- working out logistics to increase engagement with districts
- more broadly considering combination of RPG/committee/subcommittee meetings with region functions

Urban & Community RPG Updates (Rick Gomez - rickaicp5252@outlook.com)

- NACD’s North Central Region proposed a policy resolution to create an Urban Conservation Program within the next Farm Bill, which has been broadly supported by the members of the Urban & Community RPG.

2:00 PM – Pacific Region Business

- Executive Board Update – Tom Wehri
- Anticipated increase in inclusivity/engagement w/ NACD's committees from field level (bylaws changes)
- Leadership in the Pacific Region is and will continue to support one another through transitions
- Encourages consideration and support of proposed bylaws changes

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK REPRESENTING OUR PACIFIC REGION IN THIS BODY, TOM!

- NACD PAC/SW Joint Region Meeting in Tahoe, NV – 3rd Week in August
- August 22 – 24, 2023 @ Lake Tahoe, NV – Stay tuned for more information.

- Membership Report & ROI – Caleb Griffin
- See attached ROI_Slide_AM2023 for graphic.
- In FY 2020-2022, for each dollar in membership dues the Pacific Region's conservation districts contributed to NACD, NACD invested over \$42 in grant funding into the Pacific Region. This would not be the case without your amazing contributions and efforts. Thank you to all who make NACD's work possible!

- NRCS Update (Regional Conservationist Astor Boozer)
- Capacity building is a top priority in the way NRCS supports local districts
- NRCS continues to focus on meeting unmet needs at the district level, maximizing opportunities for training and job approval authority, and maintaining locally led, voluntary, and science based partnerships
- Anticipated increased focus on climate resilience in conservation

- Election for Region Chair & Vice Chair – Tom Wehri and Michael Aguon
- Chair Michael Aguon opened nominations for new 2023 Region Chair.
- Rick Gomez nominates Terri Preeg-Riggsby.
- Katrina seconds nomination for Terri Preeg-Riggsby, and Terri accepts.
- Nominations closed; Terri Preeg-Riggsby is the 2023 Pacific Region Chair.
- Chair Michael Aguon opened nominations for new 2023 Region Vice Chair.
- Doug Rushton nominates Rick Gomez, who specified interest if there are not other experienced members who wish to accept the role.
- Mae Nakahata nominates Kathrina Reyes.
- Terri Preeg-Riggsby seconds nomination for Kathrina Reyes, and Kathrina accepts.
- Rick Gomez defers his nomination without a second and expresses support for Kathrina's nomination.
- Nominations closed; Kathrina Reyes is the 2023 Pacific Region Vice Chair.

- Parade of States Instructions

- A representative for each nation, territory, and state within the region was provided instructions on the following day's event.

2:45 PM – Adjourn