

Pacific Bi-Monthly Zoom Meeting Notes

Time: May 2, 2023 4:00 PM Pacific Time/May 3, 2023 9:00 AM Chamorro Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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1) Welcome (Terri)

Attendees:

- Sarah Jones – Placer RCD
- Michael Crowder – NACD Immediate Past President
- Dana Calvo – NACD Board Member (CNMI)
- Mark Olson – ID-NRCS Area Conservationist
- Doug Rushton – NACD Board Member (WA)
- Larry Davis – Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- Jenni Scotti – Kauai SWCD
- Jason Kesling – Harney SWCD
- Brenda Trefon – Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (AK)
- Laurie Stuart – Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (AK)
- Ariel Rivers – NACD Director of Membership Engagement
- Terri-Preeg Riggsby – NACD Pacific Region Chair – NACD Board Member (OR)
- Chris Rainwater – NACD Board Member (AK)
- Kate Reza – Yolo County RCD
- Rick Gomez – NACD Board Member (CA)
- Caleb Griffin – NACD Pacific Region Representative

2) Fly-In/Advocacy Recap (Attendees)

- Remote advocacy was a success in actively pushing for continued fiscal support in the conservation arena with new state representatives.
- May have been the most packed DC fly-in event to date. Excellent attendance with great opening session featuring Arkansas Representative as speaker.
- Emphasized the success of having a comprehensive group from WA in attendance (tribal, NRCS, commission, and district representation) – larger group allowed for coverage of more meetings. Advocated for secured future conservation dollars with respect to IRA funding. HUGE compliments to Chris Young & NACD's Gov't Affairs team.
- Key takeaways from Fly-in → We have a lot of work in front of us regarding CSC. Coordinating amongst congressional leadership on developing and passing next Farm

Bill is the priority. Any continued support/emphasis on importance of farm bill funding shared with your respective congresspeople is beneficial.

- **Develop relationships with and be the local conservation experts for your congresspeople!**

3) Climate Smart Commodities Update (Caleb)

- **Conservation Technical Assistance**
- **Implementation Assistance**
- **Demonstration of food system resiliency through changing climate conditions**
- **Priority on projects delivering services to ALL communities/reaching underserved groups (DEI Principles)**
- **Agreement has been executed – anticipated RFP release this Fall (stay tuned)**

*****NACD's TA Grants will also include DEI reportable requirements – RFP coming soon**

4) Joint Region Meeting Update (Board & Staff)

a) Caleb will reach out to Region Board Members about:

- **Sponsorship Support**
- **Outreach & Participant Recruitment**
- **Emcee Assistance**
- **Acknowledgements/Mentions/Awards?**

b) Other details:

- **Event will be focused on fire resilience and fuels management.**
- **Gary Blair and Michael Crowder will be attending on behalf of NACD Leadership!**
- **Placer, Tahoe, and El Dorado RCDs will be presenting & facilitating field tours for the event.**
- **Stay tuned for email flyer/save the date – coming soon!**

5) Region Strategic Planning Discussion (Board & Staff)

- **2023 Strategic Plan Framework has been shared with board members, full plan still under development**

Guidance from board members needed on how to proceed:

- **Caleb will email current framework with 2021 Region Strategic Plan to region board members.**
- **Rick will support the effort of revisiting and reviewing the region's strategic plan and the board can make adaptations as more details on NACD's new strategic plan are released.**

6) Standing Committees have been structured with ST/TERR assignments. Assignments were shared on 04/13/2023 with board members via email.

Subcommittees will be assigned by individual name – stay tuned for more information coming soon!