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Thank you to Kaua'i County and the Hawai'i State Association of Counties!
On behalf of the Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors, welcome to NACo’s 2015 WIR Conference!

We are so excited for this year’s conference hosted by Kaua‘i County and hope you enjoy all of the events that have been planned.

On Wednesday, May 20, several of our policy steering committees will be meeting to discuss collaborative processes to address natural resources issues, the FirstNet initiative and its impacts on rural and frontier areas, public lands planning, endangered species considerations in flood zones, biotechnology, updates on EPA’s “Waters of the U.S.” proposed rule, siting critical energy infrastructure in rural counties and much more. All conference participants are welcome to join these committee meetings for these discussions!

This year we have added more workshop selections than ever before that will address topics like the latest on federal legislation impacting counties, preparing for disasters, infrastructure financing possibilities for counties, how counties are addressing heroin and prescription drug use, invasive species, the impact of medical and recreational marijuana legalization on counties, and leadership training on how to build trust, credibility and respect. I know our time at the conference will be a tremendous opportunity to learn from national and local experts and gain new tools and best practices that we can take back to our home counties.

We are also pleased to have two general sessions that will feature talks on high priority issues like transportation, infrastructure and cybersecurity for counties.

We hope that you will take full advantage of the many resources the 2015 WIR Conference has to offer. I look forward to working together with you all this week and in the weeks ahead as we work to address the many challenges and opportunities facing America’s counties.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our host county, Kaua‘i County, our corporate sponsors, and the many county officials who have worked in support of this conference.

Sincerely,

Lesley Robinson, President
NACo Western Interstate Region
Registration

The conference registration desk is located in the Grand Promenade at the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort. Visit the NACo interactive display and learn about the County Explorer tool while also perusing NACo publications, legislative fact sheets and resources.

Registration will be open during the following hours:

- **Wednesday, May 20**
  7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 21**
  7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 22**
  8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

All events will take place at the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort unless otherwise noted.

Badges

All conference attendees must register and wear their badge at all times to gain admission to official conference sessions and social events.

Badge holders are color coded according to attendee type.

- **County**: Teal
- **Corporate**: Red
- **Spouse/Guest, Youth**: Green
- **Workshop Speaker**: Orange

Please safeguard your badges! A $50 replacement fee will be charged for lost badges.
Conference Hotel:
Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort
1571 Poipu Road
Koloa, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i
Phone: 808.742.1234

Overflow Hotel:
Sheraton Kaua‘i
2440 Hoonani Road
Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i 96756
Phone: 808.742.1661

Future NACo Conferences

NACo 80th Annual Conference and Exposition
July 10-13, 2015
Mecklenburg County/Charlotte, N.C.

2016 NACo Legislative Conference
February 20-24, 2016
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, D.C.

2016 Western Interstate Region Conference
May 25-27, 2016
Teton County/Jackson, Wyo.

2016 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition
July 22-25, 2016
Los Angeles County/Long Beach, Calif.
The Western Interstate Region (WIR) serves as the counties’ advocate for public policy issues affecting the west.

WIR is affiliated with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and is dedicated to the promotion of western interests within NACo. These interests include public lands issues (including use and conservation), community stability and economic development, and the promotion of the traditional western way of life.

Its membership consists of the state associations of counties in fifteen western states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai’i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

WIR is dedicated to promoting a clearer understanding of challenges facing county officials of the fifteen western states and serves as a valuable resource for exchanging information about western county governments for NACo, Congress, the Administration and to all county officials.

The WIR Board of Directors has established the following goals:

- Promote responsible land management in the west.
- Pursue equitable payment for county expenses associated with public lands not subject to tax.
- Sustain the western quality of life.
- Promote county officials as conveners.

WIR OFFICERS:

(l-r) Immediate Past President John Martin, Commissioner, Garfield County, Colo.; President Lesley Robinson, Commissioner, Phillips County, Mont.; First Vice President Gordon Cruickshank, Commission Chair, Valley County, Idaho; and Second Vice President Doug Breidenthal, commissioner, Jackson County, Ore.
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NEW IN MAY FROM NACo’s COUNTY EXPLORER

1,351 species are listed as Endangered or Threatened in the 3,069 counties, as of May 2015.*

99.4% of the nation’s 3,069 counties have at least one listed species within their boundaries.

217 species have been newly listed as Endangered or Threatened in the 3,069 counties since 2004.

81% of counties have at least one species newly listed as Endangered or Threatened since 2004.

*This total includes species classified as Endangered, Threatened, and Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance.

www.NACo.org/CountyExplorer
Both mobile workshops will depart from the Grand Hyatt Kaua’i and meet at the group entrance (just past the Grand Ballroom) 10 minutes prior to departure time. The NACo registration table will not be open when the tours are leaving.

12:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.
Mobile Workshop #1 Hosted by Kaua’i County  
Kahua O Kāneiolouma

**PRE-REGISTRATION WAS REQUIRED/ TOUR IS FILLED**

Kahua O Kāneiolouma (Kāneiolouma Complex) is a cultural site containing the remnants of an ancient Hawaiian village at Po’ipū, Kōloa, Kaua’i. The 13-acre complex, presently under the jurisdiction of the County of Kaua’i and designated as the Po’ipū Beach Mauka Preserve, contains numerous habitation, cultivation, sporting or assembly, and religious structures dating to at least the mid-1400’s.

12:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Mobile Workshop #2 Hosted by Kaua’i  
Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands

**PRE-REGISTRATION WAS REQUIRED/ TOUR IS FILLED**

Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands (PMRF) is the world’s largest instrumented multi-environment range capable of supported surface, subsurface, air and space operations simultaneously. There are over 1,100 square miles of instrumented underwater range and over 42,000 square miles of airspace.
Note: Steering Committee and Board meetings are open meetings and all are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 20

7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Registration Open
Grand Promenade

8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.
NACo Audit Committee Meeting
Room: Kaua‘i 2

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
WIR Board of Directors Meeting
Grand Ballroom 1, 6 & 7

In addition to conducting WIR business, the WIR Board agenda includes presentations on the following:

FirstNet Introduction and Implementation

In 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). The law gives FirstNet the mission to build, operate and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. Under the legislation, FirstNet must include substantial rural coverage milestones in each phase of building out the network. Vicki Lee, Association Manager with FirstNet, will provide an overview on FirstNet and explore opportunities to speed network deployment in rural and frontier areas while assisting these communities overcome challenges financing and complying with FirstNet requirements, such as coverage where public safety needs it.

Public Lands Planning: Where Do Counties Fit In?

Federal lands make up around 35 percent of the more than two billion acres in the United States, comprising as much as 80 percent of some counties, particularly in the west. Resource and forest management plans, along with land use plans, provide direction to federal land managers for development and use of natural resources and can greatly affect the economic, physical and social landscape of local communities. This panel will explore the opportunities for robust local government involvement to ensure the perspective of the community is reflected in these plans and factored in during implementation.
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Joint Public Lands Steering Committee and Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee Meeting
Grand Ballroom 1, 6 & 7

In addition to conducting steering committee business, the joint steering committee meeting agenda includes presentations on the following:

**Endangered Species Considerations in Flood Zones**
In the past decade, environmental groups have been filing suits in various states against the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for not considering the habitat needs of threatened and endangered species in National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain designations. Where these suits have been successful local governments must now certify they will address Endangered Species Act (ESA) critical habitat protection in floodplain areas. This has created a financial burden on local governments. Molly Lawrence, a partner with Van Ness Feldman in Seattle, Wash., will give an overview of the issue, including potential national ramifications of these lawsuits.

**Western States Drought Update**
With much of the western United States experiencing persistent drought conditions and federal policies making it difficult to build new water storage, counties across the nation are searching for ways to stretch their water resources. Representatives from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and county representatives from drought impacted regions will provide an overview of the historic drought, a forecast of drought conditions in 2015 and into the future and share best practices for conserving water and improving community drought resilience.
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee Meeting
Room: Kaua‘i 1, 5 & 6

In addition to conducting steering committee business, the steering committee meeting agenda includes presentations on the following:

Biotechnology: Genetic Engineering and Your County Economy
The use of agricultural biotechnology has been around for many years. Traditionally, biotechnology included simple cross-breeding techniques, which alter living organisms, or parts of organisms, to make or modify products. Today, this technology includes the development of microorganisms designed to improve plants or animals for specific agricultural uses. This session will discuss the dynamics of the genetic engineering debate which has been growing with the increasing popularity of organic farming. The committee will examine practical applications of biotechnology, the impact of genetic engineering on the local economy and environment, and explore how counties have been thrust into the debate.

3:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m.
Joint Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee and Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee Meeting
Room: Kaua‘i 1, 5 & 6

In addition to conducting steering committee business, the joint steering committee meeting agenda includes presentations on the following:

Update on “Waters of the U.S.” and Other Clean Water Act Issues
In the past year, Clean Water Act (CWA) issues have emerged that will have a direct impact on counties, including regulations creating a new definition for “waters of the U.S.” under the CWA and a pending lawsuit in Iowa on county-owned drainage ditches and agricultural runoff. Both have the potential to affect counties for years to come. This presentation will explain the latest news and provide an opportunity to discuss the potential impacts.
Siting Critical Energy Infrastructure in Rural Counties: Challenges and Opportunities

Counties nationally are working to diversify their local energy resources which creates jobs and reduces energy costs for local communities. However, a number of barriers exist which slow the siting of new energy infrastructure. This session will explore the underlying dynamics driving this discussion nationally.

3:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Public Lands Steering Committee Meeting
Grand Ballroom 1, 6 & 7

In addition to conducting steering committee business, the steering committee meeting agenda includes presentations on the following:

Cultivating a Recreation Economy

Increased recreation on America’s rivers, trails and open space increases economic benefits, fosters social well-being and builds community health. Outdoor recreation is a nearly $650 billion dollar per year industry that generates more than 6 million jobs across the country. Along with economic benefits, citizens report greater quality of life directly correlated to engagement in recreational activities. As the National Park Service, United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management continue to build their recreation programs, discover the opportunities for gateway communities to partner with them to make the most of the recreation economy. This panel will highlight the economic, social and environmental benefits of incorporating outdoor recreation into your county’s economic development strategy.

Utilizing Collaborative Processes to Address Natural Resources Challenges

Successfully addressing natural resources challenges often involves finding consensus across a broad cross-section of stakeholders and working to implement sustainable solutions at a landscape level. Effective collaboration requires reaching compromise in support of a common vision, stakeholder engagement, clearly defined and shared goals and a willingness to leverage local resources and strengths to support regional and national initiatives. Using real world examples of successful collaborative efforts from across the western United States, this panel will share best practices and lessons learned on how to successfully implement collaborative initiatives in your county.
THURSDAY  
MAY 21

7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Registration
Grand Promenade

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
Opening General Session
Grand Ballroom 2-5

Presiding:
The Honorable Lesley Robinson
Commissioner, Chair • Phillips County, Mont.
and President • NACo Western Interstate Region

Presentation of Colors:
Waimea High School Color Guard

National Anthem Performed by:
The Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho
Mayor • Kaua’i County, Hawai’i

Featured Speakers:
The Honorable Ford Fuchigami
Director • Hawai’i Department of Transportation

Counties play a critical role in the nation’s transportation system. They own 45 percent of all public roads, 39 percent of the nation’s bridge inventory, and are involved with a third of the nation’s transit systems and airports that connect residents, communities and businesses.

Hawai’i Department of Transportation Director Ford Fuchigami will share innovations and best practices the State of Hawai’i has developed to plan, design, operate and maintain the state’s transportation infrastructure. At the conclusion of his presentation, Director Fuchigami will take questions, providing an opportunity for you address your county’s transportation challenges, engage in dialogue and take away real solutions for your county.
Nainoa Thompson
President • Polynesian Voyaging Society

Nainoa Thompson is the first Hawaiian in over 600 years to practice the ancient art of open-ocean Polynesian traditional wayfinding. There is a great deal to gain from exploring the deep meaning of voyaging: self-discipline, preparation, courage and risk taking.

Nainoa will share the inspiring 40-year history of Hōkūleʻa’s voyages throughout the Pacific and the current 47,000 nautical mile voyage to navigate around Island Earth. You will be inspired and walk away with new approaches to leadership and guiding your constituents.

10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.
Workshop Block 1:
Preparing for Disaster – The 2015 Fire Season and Why Defensible Space May Not be Enough

Every wildfire occurs in a county. Homes, communities and natural resources are burning up; economies are being damaged and lives are being lost. Federal, state and local costs for wildfire suppression and recovery are skyrocketing. The 2015 fire season is shaping up to be one of the worst on record. With drought conditions at record levels and wildfires already burning across the west, counties can take action to help their communities prepare for, respond to and recover from wildfire disasters. The workshop will share lessons learned from recent large fires and best practices counties and communities are implementing to improve their resilience against the threat of wildfire.

Moderator:
The Honorable Gordon Cruickshank
Commissioner, Chair • Valley County, Idaho
and WIR First Vice President

Speaker:
Katie Lighthall
Coordinator, Western Region
Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
Infrastructure Financing Possibilities for Counties

Room: Kaua‘i 1

Counties are faced with an ever-growing need to build, replace, and/or maintain their infrastructure at the same time that their citizens are calling for fiscal restraint. This workshop, in support of NACo President Riki Hokama’s current initiative on transportation and infrastructure, will highlight innovative public finance strategies to address this dichotomy. Panelists will describe case studies of innovative county-led partnerships to develop infrastructure projects—such as energy, broadband and transportation systems—to sustain jobs and businesses, with a focus on case studies of successful projects achieved due to the financial strategy that was deployed.

Moderator:
The Honorable Christian Leinbach  
Commission Chair • Berks County, Pa.  
and NACo Northeast Regional Representative

Speakers:
Phil Letendre  
Program Manager • Public Finance Authority

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Council Chair • City & County of Honolulu, Hawai‘i

The Honorable Peter McLaughlin  
Commissioner • Hennepin County, Minn.

The Honorable David Sauter  
Commissioner • Klickitat County, Wash.
Medical and Recreational Marijuana Legalization: Impact on Counties
Room: Garden Isle 4 & 5

In the fall of 2012, voters in Washington State and Colorado passed ballot measures legalizing the use, possession and cultivation of recreational marijuana. Other states are also wrestling with question, including Hawai‘i. Panelists will describe how county governments in Colorado, Washington and Hawai‘i are dealing with the phenomenon of legalized marijuana. Topics of discussion will include state and local roles in licensing, drug-free workplace policies, taxation and financing, regulatory structures, and challenges reconciling state legalization with the federal Controlled Substances Act.

Moderator:
The Honorable Doug Breidenthal
Assistant Commissioner • Jackson County, Ore.
and WIR Second Vice President

Speakers:

Brian Enslow
Senior Policy Director • Washington State Association of Counties

Keith Kamita
Chief Special Agent • Hawai‘i Narcotics Enforcement Division

Chip Taylor
Executive Director • Colorado Counties, Inc.

12:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m.
Attendee Lunch
Grand Ballroom 2-5

1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
NACo Board of Directors Meeting
Grand Ballroom 1,6 & 7
Engaging County Leadership to Address Heroin and Prescription Drug Use

Room: Kaua‘i 5 & 6

Since 2007, incidences of heroin abuse have dramatically increased in the United States. According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, prescription drug abuse continues to be the nation’s fastest growing drug problem. Counties across the country are at the forefront of addressing the challenges of prescription drug and heroin abuse. This workshop will explore opportunities to educate and engage local stakeholders and highlight efforts to reduce prescription drug and heroin use.

Moderator:
The Honorable Willie Johnson Jr.
Supervisor • Milwaukee County, Wis.

Speakers:
The Honorable Tammy Baney
Commissioner • Deschutes County, Ore.

The Honorable Josh Green
State Senator • District 3, West Hawai‘i
Chairman, Health Committee, Hawai‘i State Senate

Keith Kamita
Chief Special Agent • Hawai‘i Narcotics Enforcement Division
Innovations in County Property Appraisal Practices

Room: Garden Isle 4 & 5

How are counties, state agencies and technology companies collaborating to improve property appraisal and assessment practices? This workshop will demonstrate how county real property offices can streamline their operations by taking advantage of technology tools to expedite field inspections and ensure more timely and accurate property assessments. Additionally, this workshop will explore how counties work with their state tax agencies for training and support services to improve appraisal and assessment practices.

Moderator:
Michael Lomax
Director of the Assessment Vertical • Esri Canada

Speakers:
Tim Boncoskey
Chief Deputy Assessor • Maricopa County, Ariz.

Steve Fiscus
Property Tax Division Administrator • Idaho State Tax Commission

Steven A. Hunt
Finance Director • Kaua‘i County, Hawai‘i

Paul Petersen
Assessor • Maricopa County, Ariz.

Scott K. Teruya
Real Property Assessment Division Administrator • Mau‘i County, Hawai‘i
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Workshop Block 2: continued...

Building Trust, Credibility and Respect!  
Room: Kaua’i 1

Local elected officials have to communicate openly and effectively both with internal and external partners. This can create a challenge, particularly when there are opposing viewpoints. This workshop will look at the relationship between trust, credibility and respect and will provide tools and principles for restoring broken trust and building a trust-driven work environment through effective communication.

Moderator:  
The Honorable Helen Holton  
Council Member • Baltimore City, Md.

Speaker:  
Joe Cardiello  
Director of Training • Dale Carnegie Institute
Congress recently approved two more years of funding for the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program. Even with this welcome relief, SRS will expire again in October 2015, providing a narrow window of opportunity to craft a more lasting solution to federal lands payment challenges. Headwaters Economics, an independent, nonprofit research group based in Bozeman, Mont., has developed several options for reauthorization, reform, and funding federal lands payments so crucial to public lands counties. Mark Haggerty, an economist with Headwaters Economics, will provide background on the proposals and facilitate a discussion of several policy options.

**Moderator:**
The Honorable Elizabeth Archuleta  
*Supervisor* • Coconino County, Ariz.  
and *Chair*, NACo Federal Land Payments Subcommittee

**Speaker:**
Mark Haggerty  
*Economist* • Headwaters Economics

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**4:15 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**

**Conference-Wide Event Hosted by Kaua‘i County**

*Smith’s Tropical Paradise*

Remember to wear your name badge—you will be asked for it when boarding the buses.

E komo mai – Welcome! Enjoy the beauty of Kaua‘i’s east side, in the town of Wailua where sacred sites and lush gardens along the famous Wailua River make up the place where Hawaiian royalty once thrived. Relax and unwind at Smith’s Tropical Paradise for a special lū‘au filled with Hawaiian music and authentic performances while enjoying the island’s favorite cuisines like kālua pork, lomi salmon and fresh poi.

- Buses will depart from the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i at 4:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.
- (40-45 minute trip to Smith’s)
- The Imu Ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the lū‘au feast will start at 6:30 p.m.
- The Rhythm of Aloha show will run 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Buses will return to the Grand Hyatt at 8:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
2014 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT)

2014 PILT RECEIVED, FY 2014: $423 M

PERCENT OF COUNTIES WITH FEDERAL LAND: 61.9%

MEDIAN PROPERTY TAX GENERATED PER TAXABLE ACRE: $13.59

MEDIAN PILT AMOUNT PER FEDERAL ACRE: $2.58

FEDERAL LANDS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- 61.9% of counties have federal land within their boundaries. Even though they are not able to collect property taxes on federal land, county governments must still provide essential services for their residents and those who visit these public lands each year. Such services include road and bridge maintenance, law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical, fire protection, solid waste disposal and environmental compliance.

- Our ask: Counties urge Congress to provide full funding for PILT in FY 2015 and to support a sustainable long-term approach to financing essential local services in America’s public lands counties.

NOTES: NACo Analysis of Department of the Interior data and Census Bureau Census of Governments data. Taxable acres exclude federal land, but not tribal land.

PILT FUNDING CRITICAL FOR SERVICES INCLUDING:

- Road and Bridge Maintenance
- Law Enforcement
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Medical
- Fire Protection
- Solid Waste Disposal
- Environmental Compliance

Have you seen your county’s PILT profile? (LIKE THIS ONE HERE)

To view your county profile, go to www.naco.org/legislation/Pages/PILT.aspx
SRS PAYMENTS ARE CRITICAL FOR SERVICES INCLUDING:

- Transportation Infrastructure
- Schools
- Forest Maintenance
- Ecosystem Protection
- Protection from Wildfire
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Services

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
SUPPORTING CRITICAL SERVICES IN FOREST COUNTIES

U.S. COUNTIES AND SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS)

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SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination (SRS) Act was enacted in 2000 to compensate for steep reductions in revenues from timber harvests, which resulted from national policies that substantially diminished revenue-generating activities within federal forests. For FY 2013, the SRS program provided $270 million for roads and schools and other critical services in 729 mostly rural counties, parishes and boroughs across the United States. Since that time, the authorization for SRS has expired.

OUR ASK
Without SRS, forest counties nationwide face dramatic budgetary shortfalls. Counties urge Congress to renew its long-standing commitment to forest counties by increasing revenue sharing through active forest management and extending SRS as critical transitional funding.

*Note: The receipts year reflects when U.S. Forest Service (USFS) collects revenues from national forest lands. Without the SRS Act reauthorization, states revert to the Payments to States Act of 1908 as amended, receiving a 25 percent payment from national forest receipts. USFS estimates FY 2014 county 25 percent payments based on county shares of the national forest receipts. These estimates do not reflect the application of a 7.3 percent sequester to the state payments.

Sources: NACo analysis of data from the U.S. Forest Service and Headwaters Economics analysis of the U.S. Geological Survey, Protected Areas Database.
FRIDAY
MAY 22

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Registration
Grand Promenade

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
WIR Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers
Grand Ballroom 2-5

9:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
General Session
Grand Ballroom 2-5

Presiding:
The Honorable Lesley Robinson
Commissioner, Chair • Phillips County, Mont.
and President • NACo Western Interstate Region

Featured Speakers:
Doug McKalip
Senior Advisor • Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Doug McKalip serves as Senior Adviser to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His portfolio includes the coordination of biotechnology issues and the White House Rural Council. Recently, the White House Rural Council announced the “Rural Impact” Initiative aimed at combating rural childhood poverty. During this session, Mr. McKalip will discuss the new initiative and other rural issues including broadband and the role of biotechnology within the global economy.
Grady Summers  
_Senior VP of Cloud Analytics_ • _FireEye_

In a timely presentation for officials from counties both large and small, cyber security expert Grady Summers will outline the current state of cyber security, the global threat landscape and how this affects your county. He will explain why traditional security is no longer working and what you can do to protect your county. This presentation is a must attend to be in the know on future trends and ahead of the curve when it comes to risk management.

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  
**NACo Board Orientation**  
_Room: Kaua‘i 2_

Learn about your role and responsibilities as a NACo Board member. This workshop will provide a general overview of NACo structure, policies and procedures including the NACo strategic vision and mission. Become more fully engaged with NACo by understanding the different committees and areas that all work together to offer innovative programs, products and events to members.

**Speakers:**
Matt Chase  
_Executive Director_ • _NACo_

Karen McRunnel  
_Executive Assistant to CEO/Board of Directors Liaison_ • _NACo_

Jamie Richards  
_Administrative Assistant, Executive Management_ • _NACo_
FRIDAY
MAY 22

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Workshop Block 3:

Federal Legislation and Regulation: How Can Your County be Engaged

Grand Ballroom 6

Are you up to speed on the latest federal legislation and regulations that could impact counties? Join the NACo legislative team for updates on key issues including tax and entitlement reform, transportation reauthorization, public lands policy (including PILT, SRS and endangered species), health care, EPA regulations and more. Learn how your county can best engage with federal decision makers on the issues most important to your county.

Moderator:
The Honorable John Martin
Commissioner, Chair • Garfield County, Colo.
and WIR Immediate Past President

Speakers:
Deborah Cox
Director of Legislative Affairs • NACo

Paul Beddoe, Ph.D.
Deputy Legislative Director • NACo

Chris Marklund
Associate Legislative Director, Public Lands • NACo

Arthur Scott
Associate Legislative Director, Agriculture & Rural Affairs • NACo

Julie Ufner
Associate Legislative Director, Environment, Energy & Land Use • NACo
10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Workshop Block 3 continued...

**Telling the County Story with Maps: NACo’s County Explorer Interactive**

*Grand Ballroom 1*

This session will explore county maps, data and profiles available through NACo’s interactive map County Explorer and its associated data extraction tool. Participants will dive into county SRS and PILT payments, maps and individualized profiles and many other indicators from county finance to the number of structurally deficient bridges in a county. Learn how you can use the County Explorer maps and profiles for advocacy, benchmarking and communication purposes. Bring your laptop or tablet!

**Moderator:**
The Honorable Mike White  
*Council Chair* • Maui County, Hawai‘i  
and *Chair*, Transportation Steering Committee Airports Subcommittee

**Speaker:**
Emilia Istrate, Ph.D.  
*Director of Research* • NACo

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**Combatting Invasive Species**

*Room: Kaua‘i 5 & 6*

Invasive species cause more than 120 billion dollars in damage in the U.S., and as many as 81 million acres of public and private lands are at risk from insects and diseases. This workshop will discuss how non-native invasive pests can affect local communities and federal programs that are available to counties to help combat the damage invasive species cause to our nation’s natural resources and economies.

**Moderator:**
The Honorable Lynn Padgett  
*Commissioner* • Ouray County, Colo.

**Speakers:**
Bill Lucey  
*Project Manager*  
Kaua‘i Invasive Species Committee  
Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i

Richard Lee  
*Integrated Pest Management Specialist*  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Denver, Colo.

Chris Nota  
Regional Forester’s Representative  
*Pacific Southwest Region*  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
U.S. Forest Service  
Vallejo, Calif.

Michelle Clark,  
*Invasive Species Coordinator*  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Closing Luncheon and Installation of WIR Officers
Grand Ballroom 2-5

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