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NACo West Region Meeting April 2022 Agenda

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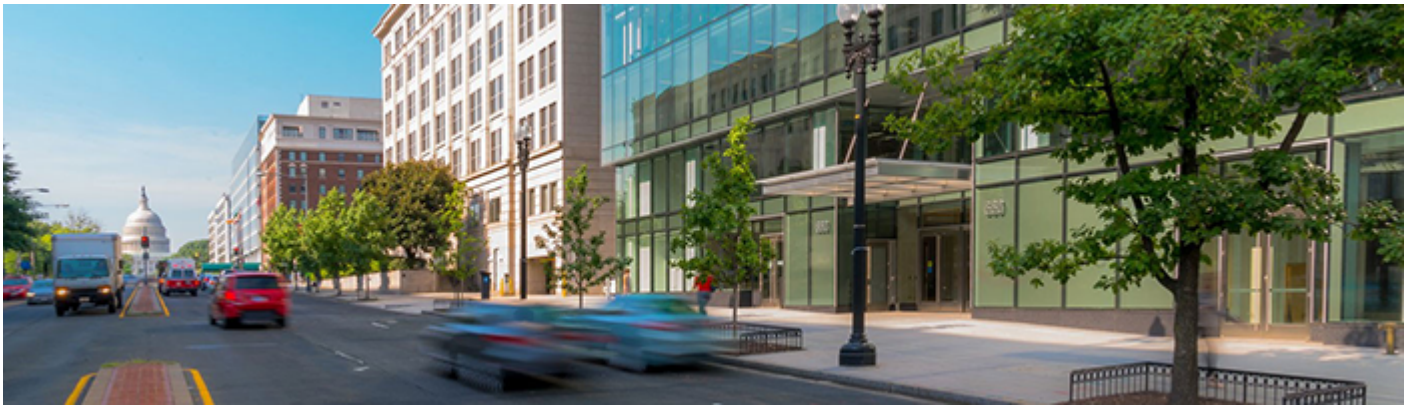

National Association of Counties
West Region Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 21, 2022
2:00–3:00 p.m. Mountain / 4:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern
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WELCOME

- **Hon. Joe Briggs, NACo West Region Representative, Commissioner, Cascade County, Montana**

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Update of COVID-19 supplemental legislation – Eryn Hurley

- On April 4, a group of senators unveiled a bipartisan, $10 billion COVID-19 supplemental appropriations bill to support the ongoing domestic response to the public health emergency.
- The final agreement includes the bipartisan State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (S. 3011/H.R. 5735) that unanimously passed the Senate in October 2021 and would provide additional flexibilities for counties to invest ARPA Recovery Funds.
- The package is currently pending a vote in the Senate, which is expected to happen this week. If passed, the bill will move to the House for a vote before going to President Biden's desk for his signature.

FY 2022 Omnibus Funding Deal – Rachel Mackey

- In March, the government came to an agreement on FY 22 funding for discretionary programs, passing a $1.5 trillion omnibus spending bill
- NACo staff will review key highlights from the bill and give an overview of NACo's new analysis page

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Open Notices of Funding for Counties — Jessica Jennings

- Using NACo's BIL funding matrix and implementation page, learn more from staff about county-eligible, open notices of funding, new discretionary program criteria created by the law, resources for applying and future funding timelines.

Notice of Proposed Rule: Updating the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Regulations – Mike Matthews

- In March, the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) at the Department of Labor announced they are updating the regulations for the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts for the first time since 1983.
- The Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) was enacted in 1931 and it requires the payment of minimum prevailing wages and fringe benefits, as determined by DOL, to certain laborers and mechanics working on most federal, or federally funded, construction projects in excess of $2,000.
- NACo staff will give an overview of the Act and provide the key highlights of the proposed rule.

Waters of the United States Rulemaking Update – Sarah Gimont

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently undertaking a two-step rulemaking process to revise the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS). The first step is to issue a rule implementing the pre-2015 WOTUS regulatory framework, and the second is to issue a rule crafting a new definition of WOTUS.
- EPA is currently in the process of drafting the final version of the rule modeling the pre-2015 regulatory framework. NACo submitted comments on the proposed rule in February.
- Several elements of county-owned infrastructure could potentially be impacted by the definition of WOTUS, including stormwater municipal systems (MS4), bridges and green infrastructure construction and maintenance projects.
- NACo staff will provide an overview of the current WOTUS rulemaking process.

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Mental Health First Aid – Brandon Natsuhara

- Mental Health First Aid in partnership with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing focuses on the objectives below. MHFA has served 10 million children and adults and has trained more than 2.5 million people in the U.S.
    - Notice signs of substance use and mental health challenges
    - Educate on how to navigate conversations on mental health
    - Address the mental health stigma in the workplace
    - Build resilience and strategies to mitigate burnout
    - Structure action framework to supplement lessons
    - Similar to traditional First Aid and CPR courses

COUNTIES FUTURES LAB

New Health Issue Briefs – Ashley Hunt

- **New Health Issue Briefs:** NACo recently published two new issue briefs, which are part of NACo's *Counties and the American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Fund* series. The briefs are here:
    - **Public Health Infrastructure.** This report highlights county investments in public health infrastructure, including investments in county health department capabilities, bolstering the public health workforce, implementing and improving health information systems and more.
    - **The Social Determinants of Health.** This report highlights county investments in the social determinants of health including increasing access to employment, education, housing, health care and healthy food as well as improvements to health infrastructure through broadband.

Upcoming NACo Virtual Meetings

- **Webinars:** **https://www.naco.org/resources/programs-and-initiatives/webinars**

NACo West Region Meetings & Officer Invitations

- Third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm Mountain/4:00 pm Eastern time via Zoom or Phone
- To request a NACo Officer and/or staff to attend your state conference or a video meeting, please contact Marc Chavez, Special Assistant to the CEO and Liaison to the Board, by email at 202.942.4241

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