



2023 CWSF Fall Meeting

November 28-29, 2023 | Waikoloa Beach Marriott | Waikoloa Beach, HI

Attendees: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and accompanying staff; State Forester Associations' staff and representatives (CWSF/WFLC, NASF, SGSF); USDA Forest Service SPTF Directors, and Deputy Regional Directors [*Business Sessions = Closed*]

Attire: Island Business Casual

Tuesday, November 28, 2023	
Naupaka Salon (Meetings and Breaks), Paniolo Ocean Terrace (Meals and Reception)	
6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided) and Registration (Located by Naupaka Salon)
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<p>Introductions and Agenda Overview <i>David Smith (HI, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i> USDA Forest Service State, Private, and Tribal Forestry (SPTF) Directors will join Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) meeting attendees for the welcome session and cultural protocols.</p>
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.	<p>Local Welcome and Cultural Protocol <i>Bryson "Lanakila" Diprete (Marriott Waikoloa Beach)</i> A member of the Hawai'i community will share brief remarks welcoming CWSF members to the 2023 Fall Meeting.</p>
8:45 - 10:00 a.m.	<p>Committee 2024 Final Work Plans (for CWSF Member Approval) <i>Committee chairs/representatives and CWSF Staff Liaisons</i> CWSF committee chairs will present updates to CWSF members about their respective committees' 2023 work plans, discuss proposed actions and tasks for 2024, and dialogue with members about key priorities and issues to maintain alignment with CWSF member interests.</p>
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<p>Committee 2024 Final Work Plans Continued <i>Committee Chairs/Representatives and CWSF Staff Liaisons</i></p>
11:00 - 11:20 a.m.	<p>NASF Updates <i>Scott Phillips (SC, NASF President) and Sheridan Davis (NASF)</i> The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) will share recent activities and updates on priority issues to state forestry agencies across the nation. A Q&A and dialogue will follow.</p>



11:20 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>NASF BIL/IRA Coordinator: State BIL and IRA Perspectives and Needs <i>Jeff Burns (NASF)</i></p> <p>The new NASF BIL/IRA Coordinator will outline their goals to capture state forestry agencies Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) implementation stories and perspectives. CWSF members have the opportunity to share their ideas and viewpoints.</p>
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided)
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.	<p>Planning for 2024: Priority Issues <i>Kelsey Delaney (CWSF)</i></p> <p>CWSF members will hear about CWSF staff team accomplishments to address the three member-identified 2023 priority issues, and in-progress and upcoming planned tasks. Further, staff and members will discuss planning for 2024 priority issues.</p>
2:15 - 3:00 p.m.	<p>Business Session: Financial Report and 2024 Budget <i>Helge Eng (AK, CWSF Treasurer) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i></p>
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Business Session: Financial Report and 2024 Budget Continued <i>Helge Eng (AK, CWSF Treasurer) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i></p>
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	<p>Grounding in Hawai'i Community and Ecology and Field Tour Preview <i>J.B. Friday (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa) and David Smith (HI, CWSF Chair)</i></p>
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Announcements and Meeting Adjournment <i>David Smith (HI, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i></p>
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Reception
Evening	Dinner (On your own)

Wednesday, November 29, 2023	
Naupaka Salon (Field Attire)	
6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided for all CWSF and WFLC meeting attendees)
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Board Vans for Field Tour (Loading area outside Naupaka Salon)
8:15 a.m.	Depart on Field Tour (Loading area outside Naupaka Salon)



8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Field Tour Meeting attendees will learn about critical Hawaii management issues and discussions, the local forest products industry, important partnerships, and explore issues common across the West, while emphasizing some of the unique challenges faced in Hawai'i and other Pacific Islands.
Evening	Dinner (On your own)