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2022 Summary of Accomplishments, Challenges, Opportunities, and Goals

2022 Annual Review

**Accomplishments:**

* Coordinated with ED&A team. Collected and submitted WEDA’s input to NIFA Listening Session: Science Priorities.
* Introduce WEDA Liaison to the collaborating organization or agency. Kelly Crane and I now serve on the WGA’s Policy Network
* Co-led WGA’s inaugural Young Tribal Leader Program; designed application; coordinated selection of tribal delegates; worked with WGA Foundation for final details.
* Supported Wendy Powers as ECOP Chair. Currently supporting Barbara Petty in the Past-ECOP Chair role (2023 NEDA Planning Committee).
* Completed the WEDA Liaison and Mentoring Tip sheets. Documents were added to the website.
* Completed member requests for: Institutional contacts for Civil Rights, Institutional Financial information, and Program Leader/Administrative lists (google doc created).
* Continued weekly meetings and collaborations with Western Water Network, Western Communications Network, and bi-monthly meetings with Bret Hess.

National Representation:

* Represented WEDA and the Extension System as liaison to ECOP 4-H
  + Worked with Insular Island Extension programs, National 4-H Council, and ECOP 4-H Leadership committee to promote their programming and inform others of their challenges.
* Secured $10,000 to support travel for our Extension Directors and staff from the Insular Islands to highlight their 4-H Youth Development programs at the winter ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee meeting.
* Provided leadership to two ECOP 4-H Subcommittees: 4-H Leadership Pipeline Committee and the ECOP Advocacy Toolkit – updated 4-H Youth Development document.
* Supported Jon Boren with the re-establishment of the ECOP BLC 4-H Subcommittee.
* Regularly participate in the NIFA Tribal Extension zooms and FRTEP Professional Development committee.

**Challenges:**

* Departure of Carolyn Henney as our national Executive Director, has created additional responsibilities for the ED&A team to cover ECOP business.
* Unsure as to the status or next steps with the white paper focused on the Extension of the Future, based on in-depth conversations from 2021 meetings, focusing on collaboration, reach, resources, innovation, and impact.

**Opportunities:**

* Investigating increased collaborations with Western Rural Development Center.
* As a new NIFA Director is named, continue to keep focused on promoting unique impacts and challenges of the Western LGU’s.
* Expand collaborations with WGA, CSG-West, and NaCO.

**Goals:**

* Develop a WEDA Impact Advocacy piece based on the data available.
  + Create a document that summarizes information learned during the zoom one-on-one meetings
* Complete one-page impact report from the meeting with insular 4-H programs
* Continue to express WEDA and the Insular Island members’ needs and strengths to NIFA, Extension Foundation and National 4-H Council.
* Invited to participate on the CORE Advisory Committee to support development of a roadmap for a National Climate Change Science in Agriculture: A Horizons Scan 2023-2033 NIFA project.
* Providing leadership for the submission of a nutrition and food-focused proposal for the NCFAR Lunch and Learns.
* Strengthen partnerships with the 1994 Institutions, Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Programs (FRTEP), and other tribal Extension programming by creating opportunities to meet and explore joint priorities and opportunities
* Serve on the BLC Nutrition and 4-H Subcommittees emphasizing the western voice.
* Support Barbara Petty, as chair of the 2023 NEDA Conference.
* Continue to promote entering institutional impacts into the National Impact Database.