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Representatives of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Pay a Courtesy Visit to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



On Thursday, March 06, 2025, Secretary of Samoan Affairs HC Fai'ivae Alex Godinet Iuli, along with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Pacific Islands Area staff and Land Grant staff, hosted three (3) representatives from NRCS and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) who were on the island to meet with the American Samoa Soil and Water Conservation District Board (AS-SWCD), Land Grant, and various other partners affiliated with AS-SWCD.

The NACD and NRCS leadership and staff visited American Samoa to gain a deeper understanding of the territory's unique conservation challenges and opportunities. They also sought to learn from AS-SWCD and its partners about their vision, identify key initiatives, and explore opportunities to expand conservation services and funding support throughout American Samoa.

Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala Ae Ae Jr. expressed, on behalf of the Governor and the people of American Samoa, his appreciation to the three (3) representatives for their dedication and commitment to supporting various programs that fund the American Samoa Community College - Agriculture, Community, and Natural Resources Division (ASCC-ACNR) and the local NRCS Pacific Islands Office.

The Lt. Governor Pulu reaffirmed American Samoa's strong commitment to natural resource conservation across all lands, empowering and supporting conservation models such as soil and water conservation districts, and implementing conservation solutions to promote sustainable food systems. As a thankful gesture, gifts were exchanged between Lt. Governor, NACD, and NRCS representatives, followed by a group photo session.

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