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# REIMAGINING THE RURAL WEST INITIATIVE

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July 16, 2019

# Chairman's Initiative Launch

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# MATTHEW RANTANEN

Cree Indian  
*Iyiniwok/Nehiyawok*

Norwegian  
*Nordmenn/Norsk*

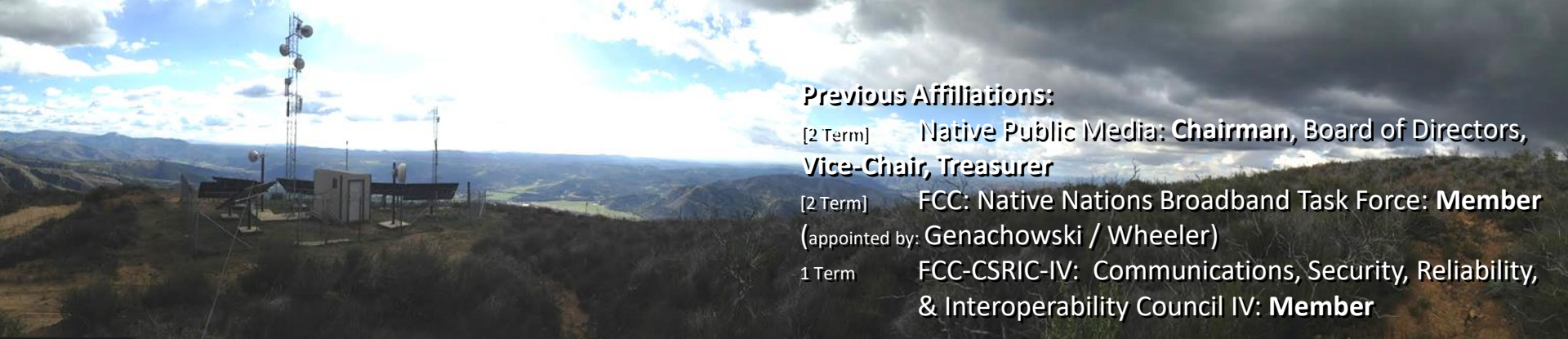
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**Director of Technology:** Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association  
Tribal Digital Village Network

**Partnering & Business Development:** Arcadian Infracom

## Current Affiliations:

- National Congress of American Indians:  
**Co-Chair** Technology and Telecom Subcommittee & Technology Task Force
- California **Tribal Advisory Group** to: Broadband Council & CalOES
- California **Long-Term Task Force** to: Broadband Council
- Arizona State University, American Indian Policy Institute: **Board Member**



## Previous Affiliations:

- [2 Term] Native Public Media: **Chairman, Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, Treasurer**
- [2 Term] FCC: Native Nations Broadband Task Force: **Member**  
(appointed by: Genachowski / Wheeler)
- 1 Term FCC-CSRIC-IV: Communications, Security, Reliability, & Interoperability Council IV: **Member**

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## WORKSHOP SERIES

Fargo, ND – Oct. 1

Santa Fe, NM – Nov. 4-5

Additional workshops to be announced

Information on how to register will be available soon! Contact Lauren DeNinno ([ldeninno@westgov.org](mailto:ldeninno@westgov.org)) with questions