

Washington State Conservation Commission Regular Meeting

FINAL MINUTES

Shelton, Washington
January 17, 2013

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/WSCC) met in regular session on January 17, 2013 in Shelton, Washington. Commissioner Peters called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Jim Peters, Chair
Fred Colvin, Vice-Chair
Dave Guenther, Member
Lynn Bahrych, Member
Jim Kropf, Member
Clinton O'Keefe, Member
Josh Baldi, Member
Lynn Brown, Member
Randy Niessner, Member

COMMISSION STAFF

Ray Ledgerwood, Acting Executive Director
Ron Shultz, Policy Director
Debbie Becker, Financial Services Manager
Megan Finkenbinder, Program Specialist
Stu Trefry, Regional Manager
Jason Tross, Communications Specialist
Carol Smith, Habitat & Monitoring Coordinator

PARTNERS REPRESENTED DURING THIS MEETING:

Dave Vogel, Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD)
Roylene Rides-at-the-Door, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Sherre Copeland, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Don Larsen, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)
Chris Herron, Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD)
Kirk Cook, Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)
Alan Stromberger, Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD)

GUESTS:

Bill Burrows, Mason Conservation District
John Bolender, Mason Conservation District
Todd Bolster, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Nora Mena, Washington State Department of Agriculture
James Weatherford, Thurston Conservation District
Josh Monaghan, King Conservation District

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Guenther moved and Commissioner Colvin seconded to approve the consent agenda.

Motion adopted.

Status of 13-15 Budget

Debbie Becker, SCC Staff reported that Governor Gregoire had submitted her Book 1 and 2 budgets. These budgets did not include any of the SCC packages that were submitted. A couple of critical components include the funding for engineering and the CPDS system.

SCC staff is working on additional information to provide to the legislature on the need for funding for several programs including; engineering, CPDS, and agency operations.

SCC staff will continue to work with WACD on budget message development throughout the legislative session.

Category 3 Projects – Commission members were provided a district-by-district recap of the funding awarded to districts and their project status to-date. There were two items of concern; the lack of spending, and the intended resources impacted by the investment. SCC staff will be presenting an updated list at the March CC meeting.

3DT Update Discussion - Ron Shultz, SCC Staff, briefed the Commission on the letter the 3 Directors sent to Governor Gregoire. He also walked through the remaining recommendations (the Commission had previously approved two recommendations: one dealing with “potential to pollute”, the second addressing cross-training) and provided staff recommendations on how the Commission could proceed.

Commissioner Guenther moves to adopt the position and communicate to the Directors of Ecology and Agriculture that future consideration of recommendations developed through the Three Director Talks relative to water quality and overlapping responsibilities on agricultural lands in the voluntary and regulatory contexts be addressed using the venue of the WSCC, in a public process, in accordance with its statutory authorities, membership and responsibilities. Commissioner O’Keefe second.

Motion adopted.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt staff recommendation A, Commissioner Baldi second.

Motion adopted.

Commissioner Brown moves to direct staff to communicate with other directors the Commission motion and offer to provide leadership with the stakeholder input process; work out a process/structure with the other directors that would be acceptable to the 5 Directors and come back to WSCC members with the result of this discussion. Commissioner Guenther second.

Motion adopted.

WACD 2012 Resolutions – Commission staff presented the WACD 2012 resolutions that have a connection to the Commission. The staff will return at the March Commission meeting with a request for Commission approval to move forward on these resolutions.

District Technical Employees Certification Update – James Weatherford and Josh Monaghan presented a concept paper on a conservation district technical employee certification program for dairy nutrient management. The group is recommending this

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program be the first and pilot system for future technical certification programs for conservation district technicians.

Commissioner Colvin moved to have SCC staff bring back to the March Commission meeting a proposal of housing the district technical employee certification program, Commissioner Bahrych second.

Motion adopted.

Adjournment

Commissioner Peters adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.