



Washington State Conservation Commission

District Options for Cultural Resource Review when using WSCC funds

PROCEDURE:

I. Cultural Resources Goal:

The WSCC goal for the Cultural Resources Review process is to comply with GEO-0505, minimize the impact of any conservation work on Cultural Resources, and to get conservation practices implemented in a cost effective manner.

II. Final Authority:

Because the Governor's Executive Order 0505 holds WSCC accountable for Cultural Resource reviews for Projects funded by WSCC, the WSCC Executive Director will make final decisions regarding whether a Cultural Resource Site Survey or any additional Cultural Resource activities are required prior to WSCC grant reimbursement.

III. Applicability:

This process applies to all District construction projects that are funded in whole or in part with WSCC managed funds.

The cost of complying with the Cultural Resources review process is eligible for grant reimbursement.

IV. Cultural Resources review can be completed in one of three ways:

Option A. Another State or Federal agency completes the review which is documented by a:

1. "*GEO-0505 complied statement*" signed by an authorized District signer.
(Statement would say: Cultural Resources Review completed by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), or Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), etc.

Option B. District completes the review which is documented by a:

1. "*GEO-0505 complied statement*" signed by an authorized District signer or
2. "*GEO-0505 complied statement*" signed by a Professional Archeologist

Option C. WSCC assisted compliance with GEO-0505, if requested by District

The WSCC has a procedure to assist districts with the Cultural Resources review of the District's cost shared practices, if assistance is requested by the District.

The WSCC will notify the District when the Cultural Resources review is completed and the District will document the completion by a:

1. "*GEO-0505 complied statement*" signed by authorized District signer, based upon the report from WSCC.



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V. Compliance documentation before WSCC payment.

District must provide a signed “GEO-0505 Complied Statement” to financial staff prior to eligibility for grant reimbursement.

*A standard “GEO-0505 Complied Statement” template is to be used for Options A, B, and C above in which an applicable box (i.e. Complied, Exempted, Does not apply, or Cultural Resources Review completed by another agency) is checked.

VI. Internal Cultural Resources documentation:

Each District is responsible for internally documenting their GEO-0505 compliance which would be subject to review by a responsible agency, such as WSCC.