

Regular Business Meeting ~

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/SCC) met in-person, with the option of joining virtually, on Thursday, January 19, 2023 in Tukwila, Washington. Chairman Daryl Williams called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Note: All meeting materials can be found on our [meetings webpage](#). You will find the meeting packet with background information, presentations and past meeting information.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Daryl Williams, Chairman, Governor Appointee
Larry Cochran, Vice-Chairman, *elected eastern region rep.*
Cherie Kearney, Governor Appointee
David Giglio, Department of Ecology
Dean Longrie, *Elected west region rep*
Harold Crose, *Elected central region rep (online)*
Jim Kropf, Washington State University
Mike Mumford, Washington Association of Conservation Districts *(online)*
Perry Beale, Department of Agriculture
Terra Rentz, Department of Natural Resources *(online)*

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Pettit, Executive Director
Alison Halpern, Scientific Policy Advisor
Brian Cochrane,
Jean Fike, Regional Manager
Kaisha Walker, Administrative Assistant
Karen Hills,
Kate Delavan, Office of Farmland Preservation
Paige DeChambeau, Communications & Outreach Manager
Paul D'Agnolo,
Ron Shultz, Policy Director
Sarah Groth, Director of Accounting & Budget
Shana Joy, District Operations Manager

Quorum present.

PARTNERS REPRESENTED

Lucy Edmondson, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 10
Ryan Baye, WA Association of Conservation Districts
Roylene Comes At Night, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service *(online)*
Nick Vira, NRCS Partnership Liaison
Michael Kuttel, Jr., WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife *(online)*
Doug Rushton, National Association of Conservation Districts *(online)*

GUESTS ATTENDED

Please see "**Attachment A**" for full list of attendees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Draft December 1, 2022 Business Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to approve the December 1, 2022 draft business meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Kropf. Motion passes.

Out of State Travel Request for the Executive Director

Motion by Commissioner Rentz to approve the SCC Executive Director and Chair to attend the National Association of Conservation Districts Legislative Spring Fly-in in Washington D.C. on March 22 & 23, 2023 along with up to 3 Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Longrie. Motion passes.

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

2023 Conservation Accountability & Performance Program (CAPP)

Motion by Commissioner Cochran to approve the Conservation Accountability and Performance Program as presented in the January 19, 2023 SCC meeting packet. Seconded by Commissioner Longrie. Motion passes.

Salmon Recovery Legislation, 2023 Session

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to support the conceptual framework of the proposed HB 1215, based on the principles outlined in option 2 of the staff memo of 1/19, while supporting the retention of the proposed \$100,000,000 salmon recovery funding for the Conservation Commission in the Governor's proposed capital budget. Seconded by Commissioner Mumford. Motion passes. *(This item is listed as an information only item on the meeting agenda. Change to request action was requested and approved at the beginning of the business meeting)*

POLICY & PROGRAMS

FPLA Project Approval – Schmid Farm Funding Authorization

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to approve the Schmid project for funding up to \$875,000. Seconded by Commissioner Cochran. Motion passes.
Commissioner Kearney abstains.

Sustainable Farms and Fields modifications to programmatic guidelines

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to approve revised SFF programmatic guidelines. Seconded by Commissioner Crose. Motion passes.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Petition for Inclusion of Territory into the Pacific Conservation District

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to approve the petition for inclusion of the City of Ilwaco within the boundaries of the Pacific Conservation District. Seconded by Commissioner Kropf. Motion passes.

Kitsap Conservation District Mid-Term Supervisor Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to appoint the applicant, Chris Benson, to the conservation district board, as appropriate. Seconded by Chairman Williams. Motion passes.

Walla Walla Conservation District Mid-Term Supervisor Appointment

Motion by Vice-chair Cochran to appoint the applicant, Don Schwerin, to the conservation district board, as appropriate. Seconded by Commissioner Beale. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Williams at 2:35 p.m.