



South Central Area
Washington Association of Conservation Districts

MEMORANDUM

To: All South Central Area Conservation Districts and Interested Persons
From: Benton Conservation District, 2023 Area Meeting Host
Date: September 13, 2023

NOTICE OF FALL AREA MEETING

The 2023 Annual Fall Meeting for the **South Central Area Association of Conservation Districts** will be held this year as follows:

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023)

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Benton PUD Auditorium, 250 N Gap Road, Prosser, WA 99350

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85933125846?pwd=4PSdbDAQ9oWtyEWePT2lemfRSRSwSa.1>

Message will show "Franklin Conservation District is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom"

Zoom Number: 1(253)205-0468

Meeting ID: 859 3312 5846 | Passcode: 379297

Directions: See attached directions and map

An agenda, directions, and accommodations information for the meeting are attached.

Resolutions proposed for action at this year's meeting should be **emailed to Benton Conservation District not less than two weeks** in advance of the meeting. Either the host district or WACD will provide to district managers in the area a copy of all resolutions submitted so that attendees will have time before the meeting to review, consider and prepare for discussion. The proponent should bring enough hard copies of each proposed resolution for everyone present (about 40) to the meeting. Please be sure to use the attached resolution format.

Please RSVP no later than **Friday, October 13th**, on the enclosed form, **indicating your method of attendance (in-person or virtual), and lunch choice** so we can plan for your participation. The cost for the day will be **\$30.00**/person attending in-person (there is no cost to attend virtually). Please send your prepayment with your RSVP and **make checks payable to Benton Conservation District**. Any cancellations must be received by **noon on October 20th** to receive a refund. No refunds will be made after that time.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Please Note: This notice has been sent to all supervisors within the South Central Area.

Sincerely,

Jack Clark, Chair, Benton Conservation District, Area Meeting Host



RSVP
WACD Annual South Central Area Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Host: Benton Conservation District

Please help us make suitable arrangements for this meeting by letting us know if you plan to attend, **either in-person or via Zoom**. We need to have your reservation by **October 13, 2023**. Complete the Area Meeting RSVP form below and mail/email to:

Benton Conservation District
kara-kaelber@franklincd.org or 418 N Kellogg St, Suite B, Kennewick, WA 99336

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA MEETING RSVP

Names	In-person or virtual	Lunch choice: indicate by number
Contact Person:		
Conservation District:		
Contact Address:		
Contact E-mail Addresses:		
Phone:		
Please note any dietary restrictions:		
	Number of persons we may expect:	
	Cost: \$30/person attending in-person x _____ = \$	

- Lunch Choices:**
- 1) Club Sandwich: turkey, bacon, tomato, lettuce and avocado
 - 2) Crispy Chicken Caesar wrap
 - 3) Asian chicken salad with spicy peanut dressing
 - 4) Smoked salmon cobb: bacon, egg, blue cheese, tomato & ranch
 - 5) Tomato & mozzarella sandwich with arugula & pesto aioli



AGENDA

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM
9:00	Registration
9:30	Welcome and Self-Introductions – BCD Chair
9:45	Conservation Leadership Forum – Includes brief summaries from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Washington State Conservation Commission – Chair and Executive Director❖ Washington Association of Conservation Districts – Executive Director and Area Directors❖ Natural Resources Conservation Services – State and Area Conservationists
10:45	Question and Answer Interactive Panel Session for Audience and WSCC, WACD, and NRCS Leadership
11:30	Break
11:45	Resolutions
12:30	Lunch <i>(provided)</i>
1:00	District Awards
1:15	District Presentations (5 minutes per district)
2:00	Area Business – BCD as Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Approve Minutes of 2022 Area Meeting <i>(see attached)</i>❖ Amendment of Area Articles and By-Laws <i>(if needed)</i>❖ Election of Area Directors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21-23 position- Held by Jack Clark, Benton CD• 22-24 position - Vacant
3:00	Adjourn

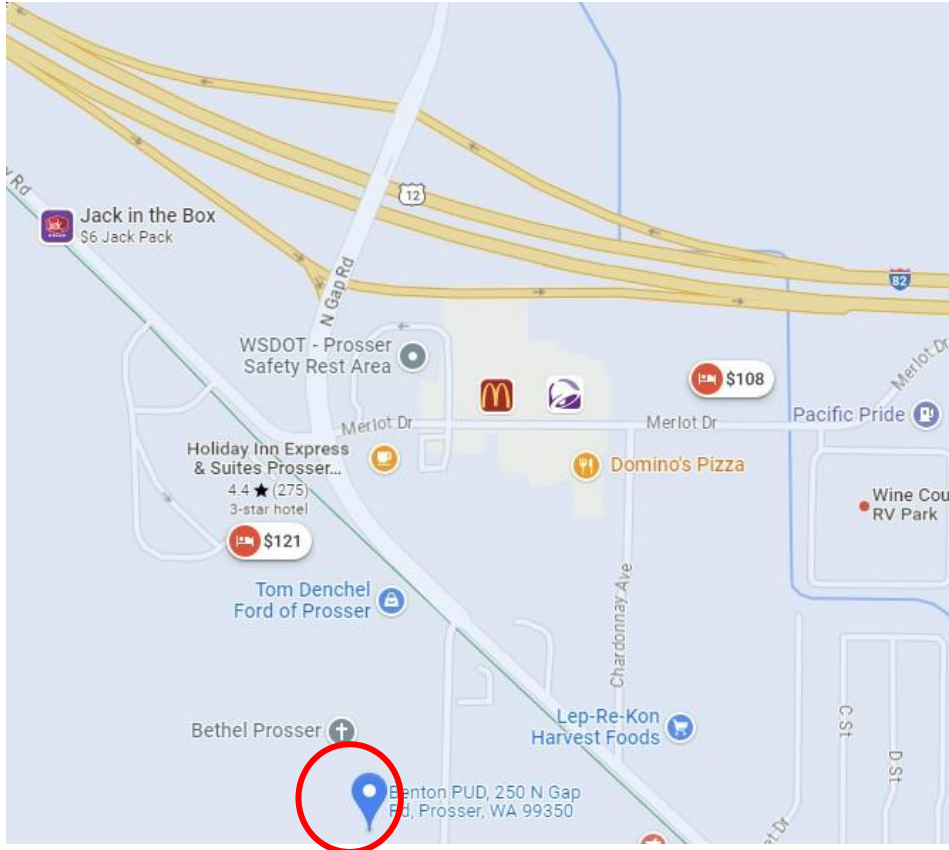
Directions to the Meeting Location

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From I-82, take
Exit 80

Head south on N
Gap Road
(towards WSDOT
rest area)

Turn right to stay
on Gap Road
(immediately past
car/truck
dealership)

Continue to
Benton PUD
building on the
right



If you drive past this friendly stone welcome sign next to the road, you missed the right turn onto Gap Road. If you missed the turn, go into bank driveway right after this sign, drive through bank parking lot to turn onto Gap Road towards Benton PUD

Accommodations Near the Meeting Location

Date: October 24, 2023

Area accommodations include:

Holiday Inn Express

680 Wine Country Road, Prosser

(509)786-1399

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/prosser/pscpr/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-EX-US-PSCPR

Best Western Plus – The Inn at Horse Heaven

259 Merlot Dr, Prosser

(509)786-7977

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.48121.html?iata=00171880&ssob=BLBW10004G&cid=BLBW10004G:google:gmb:48121

Wine Valley Inn

1206 Wine Country Road, Prosser

509-786-2555

<https://thewinevalleyinn.com/>

WACD South Central Area Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

Host: Underwood Conservation District

Location: Mountain View Grange #98, White Salmon and on-line via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Benton/Franklin CDs: Jack Clark, Heather Wendt, Mark Nielson

Central Klickitat CD: Steve Cunningham, Marty Hudson

Kittitas CD: Anna Lael, Mark Moore

North Yakima CD: Dustin Melius, Cindy Reed, Brian Schmidt, Mike Tobin

NRCS: Roylene Comes at Night, Carolyn Edenbo, Tracy Hanger, Aubrey Hoxie, Austin Shero,
Nick Vera

South Yakima CD: Rodney Heit, Dirk Van Slageren, Savannah Crnick

Underwood CD: Barbara Bailey, Tova Tillinghast, Ann Gross, Dan Richardson, Corrie Podolak

WACD: Mike Mumford, Doug Rushton, Ryan Baye, Tom Salzer (and Janis Salzer)

WDFW: Angie Reseland

WSCC: Perry Beale, Harold Crose, Jon Culp, Paige Dechambeau, Josh Giuntoli, Dean Longrie,
Chris Pettit

Barbara Bailey, UCD Chair, opened the meeting at 9:30 am and asked for introductions. Ryan Baye, WACD, helped facilitate the meeting.

CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP FORUM

WA State Conservation Commission – Chris Pettit provided updates on:

- Salmon Recovery, Riparian and Plant Propagation funding
- Supplemental budget funding
- 2023-2025 operational budget funding requests, list of capital budget items
- Policy
- Elections
- Conservation Month
- SCC staff changes
- Equity and engagement
- SCC Strategic Plan – approved May 2022

WACD – Ryan Baye, Mike Mumford, Tom Salzer, Doug Rushton (National Director) provided updates on:

- 2023 Legislative Days and outreach
- WACD Annual Conference November 28-29 in Wenatchee
- WACD President and Vice President elections this year
- Investment policy work group – reinvest up to 2% in conservation district programs
- Plant materials center record sales for past three years

- WACD committees – algae bloom resolution to be presented at annual meeting; position statement on solar panels; discussion on riparian buffers, voluntary programs, livestock water rights, revolving funds to defray project costs
- Area Director Jack Clark is currently only area director; need to fill vacant position
- WA Conservation Society – purpose, mini-grants, Legacy book, and dues
- NACD meeting in New Orleans – registration open, scholarships available for supervisors
- NACD staffing updates

NRCS – Roylene Comes at Night, Austin Shero, Aubrey Hoxie provided updates on:

- Programs and successes, including RCPP, National Water Quality Initiative and watershed planning, EQIP WaterSmart, Climate Smart Ag. Grants, and Urban Ag. Grants
- Budgets and staffing
- Partnership agreements, certified planners and Center for Technical Development
- Inflation Reduction Act – funding must be paid out by September 30, 2023

QUESTION AND ANSWER INTERACTIVE PANEL SESSION FOR AUDIENCE AND WSCC, WACD AND NRCS LEADERSHIP

Questions were asked throughout the presentations.

Break 11:30-11:50 am

RESOLUTIONS – No resolutions were presented from South Central Area. Ryan Baye mentioned resolutions from other areas.

DISTRICT AWARDS – presented by Chris Pettit.

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS

Benton/Franklin CD – Mark Nielson, Heather Wendt

- Agreement with WDFW for mitigation funding from solar farms within Franklin CD
- Heritage garden program is expanding to other CDs
- Benton CD office moved, new email addresses

Kittitas County CD – Anna Lael

- Program and project updates, highlights
- District has 80 years of service

North Yakima CD – Mike Tobin

- Projects and program updates
- Water quality issues

Lunch 12:30-1:15 pm

District Presentations continued:

South Yakima CD – Rodney Heit

- Program updates
- Manure spreader rental

Central/Eastern Klickitat CD – Marty Hudson

- Simcoe unit was purchased, conservation easement development
- Lyle fire recovery has involved aerial seeding

Underwood CD – Tova Tillinghast

- Tree of Heaven video
- Recently completed projects
- Long range planning
- Pacificorp land acquisition goal

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA BUSINESS – led by Ryan Baye

Motion made by Dirk Van Slageren/Seconded by Cindy Reed to approve minutes of 2021 South Central Area Meeting - unanimously approved.

Amendment of Area Articles and By-Laws – no amendments proposed.

Election of Area Directors -- two positions are available: 20-22 position, currently held by Jack Clark, and 21-23 position, currently vacant. Ryan Baye opened the floor for nominations for both positions. Jack Clark was nominated for and accepted the nomination for a new two-year term. Unanimously approved. Ryan will work with Barbara Bailey and next year's Area Meeting host (Benton CD) to fill the other vacant position.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.



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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TITLE:

SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s):

AREA: NW SW NC SC NE SE

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY (check any option that applies):

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STATE AGENCY _____
- NRCS
- NACD (See Page 2)
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION (check all boxes that apply):

- Technical (changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes **NO** substantive change(s) to the existing policy.
- Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.
- New policy.

BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding required, staff time, etc.)

- NO
- YES (briefly explain):



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If the proposed resolution is to be adopted by NACD complete the sections below to the best of your ability. If the resolution is adopted at the state level, please reach out to the NACD National Director for assistance in finalizing this form.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

If this resolution is adopted by NACD and included in the NACD Policy book it must clearly and concisely, using active verbs, state the specific action(s) expected of NACD; must be based on fact, avoiding opinions and beliefs; the statement should make sense even without the background. (THIS IS GENERALLY NOT WHERE A "WHEREAS" STATEMENT WOULD GO)

SPONSOR(S) ACTIONS TO DATE: (What has been done to address the issue; which agencies and organizations have addressed it also.)

IMPACT ON EXISTING NACD POLICY (if any): (Review NACD Policy Book for existing policies covering this issue.)

IF APPROPRIATE, POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT ON NACD'S OR A FEDERAL AGENCY BUDGET:

(E.g., travel, training, equipment, etc.)

MEETING AND DATE ADOPTED BY SPONSORING ENTITY: (E.g., WACD annual meeting date)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S): (Type name and Title)

WACD National Director (NACD board member)