



# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

South Central Area  
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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All South Central Area Conservation Districts and Interested Persons  
**From:** Central Klickitat Conservation District, 2024 Area Meeting Host  
**Date:** October 30, 2024

### NOTICE OF FALL AREA MEETING

The 2024 Annual Fall Meeting for the South Central Area Association of Conservation Districts will be held this year as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Location:** Goldendale Observatory State Park  
1602 Observatory Drive, Goldendale, WA 98620

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

Resolutions proposed for action at this year's meeting should be **emailed to Central Klickitat 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 11<sup>th</sup>**, on the enclosed form, indicating your lunch choice so we can plan for your participation. The cost for the day will be **\$30.00**/person attending in-person. Please send your prepayment with your RSVP and **make checks payable to Central Klickitat Conservation District**. Any cancellations must be received by **noon on October 21<sup>st</sup>** 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,

Marty Hudson  
Central Klickitat Conservation District Board Chair  
Area Meeting Host



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## RSVP

### WACD Annual South Central Area Meeting

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**Host:** Central Klickitat Conservation District

Please help us make suitable arrangements for this meeting by letting us know if you plan to attend. We need to have your reservation by **October 11, 2024**. Complete the Area Meeting RSVP form below and mail/email to:

**Central Klickitat Conservation District**  
[CourtneyT@centralcd.org](mailto:CourtneyT@centralcd.org) or 1107 S Columbus Goldendale, WA 98620

### SOUTH CENTRAL AREA MEETING RSVP

Names		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) Italian Grinder      | 4) Chipotle Chicken Bowl |
| 2) Turkey Pesto Grinder | 5) Mediterranean Salad   |
| 3) Veggie Grinder       | 6) Chicken Ceasar Salad  |



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## AGENDA

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM
9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:30	Welcome and Self-Introductions – CKCD Chair
9:45	Conservation Leadership Forum – Includes brief summaries from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Washington State Conservation Commission – Chair and Executive Director</li><li>❖ Washington Association of Conservation Districts – Executive Director and Area Directors</li><li>❖ Natural Resources Conservation Services – State and Area Conservationists</li><li>❖ National Association of Conservation Districts – National Director</li></ul>
10:45	Question and Answer Interactive Panel Session for Audience and WSCC, WACD, and NRCS Leadership
11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:15	Resolutions
12:00	<b>Lunch</b> ( <i>provided</i> )
1:00	Area Awards
1:15	District Presentations to highlight important issues in their CD or share information about innovative conservation programs or projects. (5 minutes per district, prepared presentations are optional)
2:00	Area Business – CKCD as Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Approve Minutes of 2023 Area Meeting (<i>see attached</i>)</li><li>❖ Amendment of Area Articles and By-Laws (<i>if needed</i>)</li><li>❖ Election of Area Director:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 22-24 position - Held by Jack Clark, Benton CD</li></ul></li></ul>
3:00	<b>Adjourn</b>

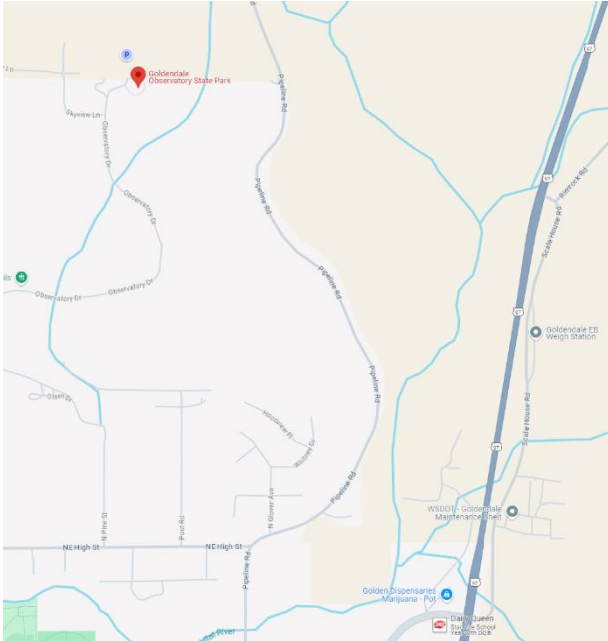
## Directions to the Meeting Location

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Coming from the North or South of HWY 97, head west on E Broadway St toward Llama Ln

Turn right onto N Columbus Ave

Then make a slight right onto Observatory Dr.

Follow that road all the way to the top and there will be a parking lot at the sight.

Parking is free for attendees.

## **Accommodations Near the Meeting Location**

**Date:** October 30, 2024

Area accommodations include:

### **Quality Inn & Suites**

808 E Simcoe Dr.

Goldendale Wa 98620

(509)773-5881

<https://www.choicehotels.com/washington/goldendale/quality-inn-hotels/wa178?mc=llgoxpx>

### **Ponderosa Motel**

775 E Broadway St.

Goldendale Wa 98620

(509)773-5842

<https://www.ponderosamotelgoldendale.com/>

**South Central Area Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2023**  
**Host: Benton CD Conservation District**  
**Location: Benton PUD Auditorium, Prosser WA and on Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Benton/Franklin CDs:** Riley Zionce, Kara Kaelber, Kelsi Potterf, Jack Clark, Mark Nielson, Michael Crowder

**Eastern/ Central Klickitat CDs:** Stephen Cunningham, Ron Juris, Peter Mercer, Loren Meagher

**Kittitas CD:** Anna Lael, Mark Moore

**North Yakima CD:** Michael Tobin, Cindy Reed, Frank Hendrix, Brian Schmidt

**NRCS:** Roylene Comes at Night, Nick Viera, Austin Shero, Nate Gallahan, Tracey Hanger

**South Yakima CD:** Savannah Crick, Rodney Heit, Javier Lopez, Dick Van Slageren

**Underwood CD:** Barbara Bailey, Tova Tillinghast

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

**WSCC:** Josh Giuntoli, Shana Joy, Sarah Grote, Allisa Carlson

**WWCCD:** Renee Hadley

Jack Clark, Chair for Benton CD, brought the meeting to order and asked the participants to introduce themselves.

**CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Shana Joy and Sarah Grote gave the report for the Conservation Commission: the agency's salmon recovery grant program being developed, their supplemental biennial budget requests, and personnel updates.

Tom Salzer, Ryan Baye, and Heather Wendt gave the report for WACD: the record sales at the WACD Plant Materials Center, the introduction of a legal service for member-districts, details on the 2023 Annual Conference, and various committee updates.

Roylene Comes at Night and Austin Shero gave the report for NRCS: the increase in Farm Bill, IRA, and BIL funding, the work of the Big Bend and South Central teams over the past year, and the new agency programs and projects.

**Resolutions**

Mike Tobin presented a Hydropower Position Statement Resolution on behalf of North Yakima CD. Cindy Reed moved to approve the resolution. Second by Frank Hendrix. Resolution adopted as South Central Area Resolution 2023-01.

Mike Tobin presented an Agricultural, Forest, and Rangeland Mitigation Resolution on behalf of North Yakima CD. Cindy Reed moved to approve the resolution. Second by Frank Hendrix. Resolution adopted as South Central Area Resolution 2023-02.

Mark Nielson presented a resolution on Opposition to Removal or Breaching of the Four Lower Snake River Dams on behalf of Benton CD. Jack Clark moved to approve the resolution. Second by Stephen Cunningham. Resolution approved as South Central Area Resolution 2023-03.

Loren Meagher presented a resolution on Affirming and Empowering Locally Led Voluntary Conservation. Stephen Cunningham moved to approve the resolution. Second by Peter Mercer. Resolution approved as South Central Area Resolution 2023-04.

Loren Meagher presented a resolution on Gaining CD Eligibility for RCO Land Acquisition Grants. Ron Juris moved to adopt the resolution. Second by Stephen Cunningham. Resolution approved as South Central Area Resolution 2023-05.

**District Presentations**

Benton CD shared the work done by their water star grass harvester, removing 500,000 pounds from waterways in 2023. They also shared updates on their Heritage Garden program, the Yakima River

Mile 25 Thermal Refuge for salmon, and that 23,000 students and adults were reached through their education and outreach programs.

Central Klickitat CD focused on the fires in the county and the district's effort to build out their conservation crews.

Eastern Klickitat went into detail on their virtual fence pilot project program.

Franklin CD was happy to have Kara Kaelber as the new Assistant manager, that the district was working on a big waste manure storage facility, had a shrubsteppe mitigation partnership with WDFW, and had a bustling Salmon in the Classroom program.

#### *Break for Lunch*

Kittitas County CD had 25 grants worth \$9.3 million, was working on their responsibilities under the Yakima Integrated Plan, was doing fuel reduction projects, and had copied Benton's Heritage Garden Program

North Yakima CD saw a new issue with PFAS in East Selah wells, had six conservation easements with a contract for a seventh, received project funds from the Commission's Riparian Plant Propagation Program, and seen success with mobile kiosks for their own Heritage Garden program.

South Yakima CD spoke about their no-til rental program, their focus on livestock technical assistance and nutrient management plans, well contamination in Mabton, and the district's nitrogen groundwater monitoring program.

Underwood CD was assessing the damage and necessary recovery for the Tunnel 5 Fire, saw new success with their tool rental program, continued their "crop talks" networking events, and had started working on their next Long Range Plan.

#### **Area Business**

Dick Van Slageren moved to approve the approve the 2022 Area Meeting Minutes and received a second. Motion carried.

Cindy Reed was unanimously elected as South Central Area Director.

*Meeting adjourned.*



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RESOLUTION 2024 –

RESOLUTION TITLE:

SPONSORING CDs (or entities):

AREA:  Northwest  Southwest  North Central  South Central  Northeast  Southeast

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy (setting a new or amended internal policy directive)
- Position Statement (declaring an official WACD position)
- Recognition (recognizing an entity for notable contributions)
- Study (identifying research or investigation deemed necessary by WACD members)

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 change. (Changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes no substantive change(s) to 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 to the best of your ability):





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(Please complete the sections below if the proposed resolution is to be considered by NACD.)

**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)