

Regular Business Meeting ~

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/SCC) met virtually as well as in-person on Thursday, December 4, 2025, in Airway Heights, Washington. Chair Larry Cochran called the meeting to order at 8:33 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

Larry Cochran, Chair, Elected east region
Cherie Kearney, Vice-chair, Governor Appointee
Amy McKay, Washington Association of Conservation Districts
Brook Beeler, Department of Ecology
Dani Gelardi, Department of Agriculture (online)
Bill Blake, Elected west region (online)
Jim Kropf, Washington State University (online)
Katie Rose Allen, Department of Natural Resources (online)
Wade Troutman, Elected central region

A quorum was present.

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT

James Thompson, Executive Director
Alicia McClendon, Administrative Assistant
Brian Cochran, Habitat and Monitoring Coord
Hilary Aten, Office of Farmland Preservation
Jessica Wilson, Chief Engagement Officer
Kate Delavan, Policy Director
Lori Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Sarah Groth, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Wilcox, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Tami Stubbs, Regional Manager

Additional staff are listed in the attachments.

PARTNERS REPRESENTED

Angie Reseland, Dept of Fish and Wildlife (online)
Nick Vira, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Zorah Oppenheimer, WA Association of District Employees
Heather Wendt, WA Association of Conservation Districts
Ryan Baye, WA Association of Conservation Districts

All other guests are listed in the following attachments:

Attachment A – online registration/attendance sheet

Attachment B – in-person sign-in sheet

ACTION MINUTES TAKEN

The meeting was opened with Commissioner roll call taken by Lori Gonzalez. A quorum was present. Following roll call, introductions were made for guests attending both in person and online.

Chair Cochran asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda; none were offered.

CONSENT AGENDA

September 18, 2025 Draft Business Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Troutman to approve the Draft September 18, 2025, Business Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner McKay. Motion carried.

Out of State Travel Approval

Motion by Commissioner McKay to approve the SCC executive director and a commission member to travel to San Antonio, Texas for the National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) 80th Annual Meeting, February 14-19 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Troutman. Motion carried.

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Appointment of SCC Chair and Vice-chair

Motion by Commissioner McKay to appoint Commissioner Kearyne as Chair and Commissioner Troutman as Vice-chair of the State Conservation Commission for the next calendar year (2026). Seconded by Commissioner Beeler. Motion carried.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Kitsap Conservation District Election Certification

Motion by Commissioner Troutman to certify the Kitsap Conservation District's November 7, 2025, election. Seconded by Commissioner Beeler. Motion carried.

Chair Cochran adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Zoom Registration Report
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Attendee Details

	First Name	Last Name		First Name	Last Name
1	Annie	Byerley	29	Dani	Gelardi
2	Alec	Sorensen	30	Dave	Hedrick
3	Joy	Garitone	31	Tom	Salzer
4	Mark	Craven	32	Jim	Kropf
5	Theodore	Alvarado	33	Elsa	Bowen
6	Karla	Heinitz	34	Amy	Martin
7	Bill	Eller	35	Brad	Bortner
8	B'Elanna	Rhodehamel	36	Dani	Madrone
9	Jenny	Coe	37	Allisa	Carlson
10	Gracie	Pearson	38	Rosa	Mendez
11	Kris	Neely	39	Anna	Lael
12	Angie	Reseland	40	Tova	Tillinghast
13	Lance	Frederick	41	Evan	Bauder
14	Jodi	Prout	42	Mike	Poteet
15	Katie Rose	Allen			
16	stuart	crane			
17	Craig	Nelson			
18	elayne	hovde-knudson			
19	Steve	Matsen			
20	Bill	Blake			
21	Paul	D'Agnolo			
22	nicole	boyes			
23	Ashley	Wood			
24	Karen	Hills			
25	Alicia	McClendon			
26	Jenni	Allen			
27	Rodney	Heit			
28	Margaret	McKeown			



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Please Sign In

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	NAME	ENTITY/DISTRICT
1.	Sarah Wilcox	SCC
2.	Heather Wendt	WACD
3.	Kate Delavan	SCC
4.	Alicia McClendon	SCC
5.	Lori Gonzalez	SCC
6.	Sarah Groth	SCC
7.	James Thompson	SCC
8.	Mike Baden	SCC
9.	Tami Stubbs	SCC
10.	Megan Stewart	Asotin CCD
11.	Pauline Hagen	Stevens
12.	Self Schibul	LCCD
13.	Jan Thomas	CTD
14.	Hilary Aten	SCC
15.	Jessica Wilson	SCC

16. LARRY COCHRAN
17. Nikki Atkins
18. Zonh Oppenheimer Chrk CD
19. Josh Larsen Whitman CD
20. NICK VIBA NRCS
21. Brad Riehl Asotia CD
22. Jennifer Boire Palouse CD
23. Dean Helle Stevens County CD
24. Becca Hebron Foster Creek CD
25. Brian Cochran WSCE
26. Loren Meagher CKCD
27. Lance Brender Cascadia CD
28. Steve Matsen EKCD
29. Brian Muesse Palouse CD
30. Mike Totsia NYCD
31. Joe Holtrop JCCD
32. Ryan Williams Cascadia CD
33. Allen B Chapman Whitman CD
34. Sarah Gowan SCC
Wash Front WSCC