



# 2027-29 Decision Package Development



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January 15, 2026  
Commission Business Meeting

# Purpose

- Inform Commissioners on process to develop 2027-29 decision packages
- Information only item

*Lacy Falicia by Thomas Sexton, Benton Conservation District*





# Background

- Decision packages are formal budget requests to Governor's Office and Legislature
- Developed jointly with conservation districts
- Capital funded activities require decision packages each biennia
- Operating requires decision packages if one-time funding or additional funding



# Background

- Commissioners approve decision packages
  - Topic
  - Not-to-exceed amount
  - Prioritization
- Deadline to the Office of Financial Management: Mid-September 2026

# Process goals

- Commissioners informed and engaged
- Represent needs of SCC, conservation districts, and partners
- Co-develop ideas with conservation districts
- Structure that allows for adaptation
- Create sound and defensible requests





# Commissioner engagement

- **January 15:** Brief Commissioners on process
- **March 19:** Approve decision package topics
- **May 21:** Optional discussion if needed
- **July 16:** Approve final topics, amounts, prioritization



# CD engagement

- **February–June:** Collect input via meetings & surveys
  - February 9: Hybrid meeting in Olympia & online
- **March–June:** Virtual meetings as needed
- **July–August:** Review decision package content

# SCC staff engagement

- **Jan–Feb:** Discuss process and capture grant program needs
- **Feb–Aug:** Ongoing engagement with grant program managers



	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Commissioner Engagement</b>	<b>Jan 15</b> Brief of process		<b>Mar 19</b> Approve decision package topics		<b>May 21</b> Optional discussion if needed		<b>July 16</b> Approve final topics, amounts, prioritization					
<b>CD Engagement</b>		<b>Feb - June</b> Collect input via meetings & surveys					<b>July - Aug</b> Review decision package content					
		<b>Feb 9</b> Hybrid meeting in Olympia & online		<b>March-June</b> Virtual meetings as needed								
<b>SCC Staff Engagement</b>	<b>Jan - Feb</b> Discuss process & capture program needs		<b>Feb - August</b> Ongoing engagement with program managers									
<b>State Deadlines</b>							<b>mid-September</b> Decision Packages submitted to OFM					



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