



# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Tribal Outreach Task Force Conference Call Meeting Notes  
November 25, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

Present:

Tanna Engdahl, Chair, Clark Conservation District  
Lynn Engdahl, Clark Conservation District  
David Guenther, President, WACD  
Mark Clark, Washington State Conservation Commission  
Jackie Richter, Colville Reservation Conservation District Manager  
Craig Nelson, Okanogan CD  
Monte Marti, Snohomish CD  
Dave Vogel, WACD Executive Director  
Deb Gregory, WACD Administrative Coordinator

Chair Tanna Engdahl opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

David Guenther accepted a continuing role on the task force during his period of service as WACD Past President.

Tanna requested that the meeting be brief for the purpose of making sure all of the appropriate plans have been executed for the annual meeting.

Plans are well underway for the presentations at the Wednesday Tribal How To session. There will also be an opportunity given for questions and answers from the audience, following shared presentations by tribal and conservation district partners.

Dave Vogel has spoken with Craig Bill from the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs who will be attending and speaking at the Wednesday morning session. Dave mentioned to Mr. Bill that there is a WATCAC meeting on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday in the event that Jackie Richter and Robin Slate believe would be beneficial for him to attend.

**Action:** Tanna requested that Jackie and Robin Slate extend an invitation to Mr. Bill to attend at least a portion of the WATCAC if his schedule allows. It will be beneficial to both Mr. Bill and to council members to get to know him as the liaison in the Governor's Office on tribal affairs, and to have him describe the role of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. Dave Vogel will provide Mr. Bill's contact information to Jackie and Robin.

Jackie and Robin have spoken with council members about the possibility of WACD Board members, supervisors and district managers attending some of their council sessions. Jackie reported that council members believe this is a good idea and will welcome WACD presence at their sessions.

Based on the list of tribal members planning to attend WACD's annual meeting, Dave Vogel sent an email to all District Managers making them aware that there will be a number of tribal members attending the annual meeting and to ensure they reach out and make local contacts.

Likewise, Tanna had requested that Jackie contact the tribal members attending asking them to do the same with the districts.

Tanna appointed a Protocol Committee consisting of Lynn Engdahl, Jackie and Robin to be very visible and out front to tribal members attending. Tanna added Larry Davis of Whatcom CD and member of the TOTF, to the Protocol Committee. Jackie Richter will contact Larry with specifics on the role of the Protocol Committee. Deb Gregory will provide Larry's email address to Jackie for this purpose.

At the last conference call, Jackie was assigned to find a small meeting space for the TOTF to briefly meet Wednesday morning for any last minute details or discussions. Jackie has secured the Masterson Room for this purpose. The TOTF will gather at 8:15, Wednesday, December 4 for one final check in before meetings begin for the day.

The Tribal Resources Assessment document will be made available on flash drives to interested supervisors and staff attending. Due to the size of the document, there will be a limited number of hard copies available. NRCS will also make a link available on their website for those interested in downloading the document.

Protocol for introductions at the General Session II, Tribal Partnerships Session - David Guenther will first make introductions of Earl Garber from NACD, Kirk Hanlin from NRCS and Craig Bill from the Governor's office. He will then turn over the microphone to Tanna who will first introduce any Tribal Chairmen and then any council members in attendance. She will then introduce Stan Speaks. At the conclusion of the speakers' presentations, they will be provided with a gift thanking them for attending and speaking at the meeting. Tanna has secured three ceremonial rattles and will obtain a fourth item for the now 4<sup>th</sup> speaker. Tanna will make payment for these items when she picks them up later this week. WACD will make reimbursement directly to Tanna.

Dave Vogel asked if we want to again have a ceremonial blessing before the start of the closing banquet. We have done so in years past and it was well received. Lynn suggested that Tanna, as a Cowlitz Tribal Elder, give this year's blessing. Tanna has graciously agreed to do so.

There being no further business to discuss, Tanna adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory  
WACD Administrative Coordinator  
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