# State Technical Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

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| Date/Time | January 18, 2023 9:30am to 2:00pm |
| Place | Olympia WA / MS Teams |
| Attendees (42) | Allan Warren, Angela Reseland, Aubrey Hoxie, Austin Shero, Bobby Evans  Cammeron Gene Stoflet, Caroline Walls, Casey Louder, Dan Calvert  Dan Larsen, David Rose, Dean D. Hellie, Erik P, Erin Eaton, Eun Lee,  Gary Bahr,Greg Green, Helen Price Johnson, Jackie Richter, Joe Holtrop, Josh Giuntoli, Justin Stanley, Keith Griswold, Kristina Ribellia,  Laura Farwell, Laura Williams, Lee Hemmer, Mary Root, Michael Crowder, Michelle Hennings, Mike Baden, Nathan Gallahan, Nick Vira, Nikki Guillot, Rachel Mazzacavallo, Robert Compton, Robin Slate, Ron Cummings, Roylene Comes at Night, Sierra Hemmig, Stephanie Fisher, Stuart Crane |

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1. Announcement

* Many funding, grant available for partners FY23 and beyond. New Funding Presentations coming for next few months. Farm bills, IRA (Inflation Reduction Act), Grants & Agreement, Asking Feed Back/Comments Getting Ready for FY24
* Easement Program- [POC map](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/wre-wetland-reserve-easements/washington/wetland-reserve-easement-washington) for landowners, Policy POC [Carlee Elliot](mailto:Carlee.Elliott@usda.gov)
* NACD Climate Smart Commodities Grant Opportunity presented by Michael Crowder. $500 million Grant approved/coming for WA, Urban/Outreach Grant available announced by Roylene Comes At Night
* RCPP Project Funding by Laura Williams, TA & FA to Partners. Grant Proposal this Spring
* [EQIP Riparian Buffer Program](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/FY23-NRCSW-Riparian-Buffer-Program.pdf) – New Implement for FY23. CART Ranking system associated.
* New NRCS Urban Conservationist, Rebecca Bellanca Anderson specialized in Urban & Small Farm
* 37 Urban/Small Farm Scenarios Practice Code updated. 4 New Interim Conservation Practice: 808, 812,821, 805. Soil Carbon Amendment is under 808 as interim not 336.
* Local Work Group Funding Proposal through IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) in EQIP, CSP funding for 2-5 years commitment falls under 5 categories is upcoming.

2. INPUT (COMMENT)

* 2 or 3 years to have Buffers, it is polluting more such as rotten stuff or heavy grass in water rather than filtering
* Riparian Buffer Program, not only through the ranking system but also consider incentive such as temperature impaired steam. Using geospatial layer such as 303D listed temperature or A303 D listed steam for sediment or nutrients, etc.
* To work with EPA the climate resilient riparian system aimed at State Agency for outreach and technical assistance side.
* To have more information about program’s updates, developments and timelines at least to potential applicants.
* To share EPA’s office of Pesticide Program reevaluate processes [EPA’s Workplan and Progress Toward Better Protections for Endangered Species | US EPA](https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/epas-workplan-and-progress-toward-better-protections-endangered-species)

3. ACTION ITMES

* [Draft Agriculture Land Easement (ALE) Criteria & Guidance](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/ACEP-ALE-Criteria-Guidelines.pdf) Comment due date is 01/31/2023 to [Keith Griswold](mailto:keith.griswold@usda.gov) or [Nick Vira](mailto:nick.vira@usda.gov)
* Please start to develop for RCPP Grant Proposal Deadline Spring 2023 (Set date is not released yet)

4. KEY DATES

* Next STAC Meeting: April 20, 2023