

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026

The meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Jason Ragan, Chair, at 4:30 pm.

Board Members present: Larry Boltz, Andrea Miller, Jason Ragan, Carmen Echeverria and Michael O'Day (via Teams)

Board Members absent: None

Staff present: Evan Bauder, Nick Schneider, Rhonda Nydegger, Colin Tierney

Members of the public present: Sarah Longacre (ECY via Teams), Josh Giuntoli (SCC via Teams)

Introductions: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2025: The minutes were reviewed and approved.
(M – Echeverria, S – Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

Financial Report – December 2025: Michael O'Day reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (21227-21254 + EFT) executed during period. Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.
(M – Boltz, S – Miller, Passed – Unanimously)

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

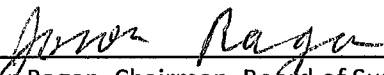
WSCC Update –

Josh updated the board on early legislative session activity, including House Bill 2499 regarding elections for conservation districts which is set for hearing next week. This Bill would remove the landowner requirements for Supervisors, allow districts to be on the general election ballot, change the length of position from three years to four years as well as require candidates and Supervisors to submit a financial disclosure statement. This has to be out of committee by February 4th in order to move forward. Josh also talked about anticipated cuts to the budget from the Governor. The revenue forecast date is March 12th.

WACD Update –

None.

NRCS Update –



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None.

ECY Update –

Sarah gave a small update – no new news on the nonpoint program other than they are still not sending out letters at this time.

Staff Update –

Nick reported that the team has been moving a lot of projects towards construction. Sabina and Aubrey will be getting their first cost share projects brought forward soon. Aubrey has finished her Level 1. The team has been working on the YMCA projects and with community members.

Rhonda reported that the finance team has been working on year end and beginning of year activities as well as wrapping up the budget.

Colin reported that a lot of hard work is finally seeing the light of day with projects being lined up for the summer.

Evan reported that staff is working towards filling the Shore Friendly Coordinator position. There are a lot of skills needed from technical to outreach abilities. He also invited the board to attend the learning and sharing conference scheduled for January 29th.

OLD BUSINESS –

None.

NEW BUSINESS

TD CS SIA-01-26 SH

Nick presented information on SIA-01-26 for hedgerow planting with a total cost of \$10,000 and 90% cost share. The proposed hedgerow will run a length of the seasonal drain converting part of the paddock into a hedgerow, totaling 2,380 sq. ft. in planting and will include exclusion fencing with a small gate. Motion to approve and authorize. Motion carried.

(M – Echeverria, S – Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

Skokomish Tribe Grant Contract – Skokomish SF LWD

Colin presented information on the contract with the Skokomish Tribe for Upper South Fork, Phase 6. This project is slated for construction summer, 2026. RCO will be funding approximately \$1.7 million with the Skokomish Tribe funding up to \$2,005,250 from their America the Beautiful challenge grant. Motion to approve and authorize the chair to sign the agreement with the Skokomish Tribe for the America the Beautiful grant funds to support the Upper South Fork Phase 6 construction project as presented. Motion carried.

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Skokomish SF LWD Construction Contract

Evan presented information on the construction contract for the Skokomish South Fork LWD project. This project went out for bid in October 2025 with several bidders. The apparent and responsible bidder was Quigg Bros., Inc. for \$2,336,925.39. Motion to accept Quigg Bros., Inc. as the bidder and authorize the chair to sign Contract #2025-10 for the Skokomish SF LWD construction. Motion carried.

(M – Miller, S – Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

2026 Annual Budget

Evan presented the 2026 Annual Budget and Salary Schedule to the board. Both the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee had previously been presented with the in-depth budget for their consideration. Due to the nature of the grants (reimbursement basis) and the expected construction projects for 2026, total revenue is budgeted at \$12,123,039.46. Total expenditures are budgeted at \$11,903,583.76. The salary schedule includes a 2.8% overall increase based on the Social Security Administration COLA for 2026. The board approved a two-step increase for the Executive Director. The budget reflects that as well as the discretionary step increases for staff by the Executive Director. Motion to approve the budget and salary schedule as presented. Motion carried.

(M – Boltz, S – Miller, Passed – Unanimously)

Surplus Vehicle (added during meeting)

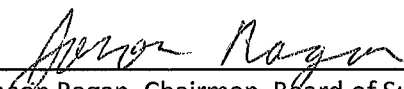
Evan asked to add the being able to surplus a vehicle to the agenda. The 2003 Chevy Silverado 1500 VIN #1GCEK19Z73Z282807 known as “Blackberry” is the last remaining older vehicle in the fleet and is starting to require more maintenance than expected. Motion to approve putting the vehicle up for surplus. Motion carried.

(M – Miller, S – O’Day, Passed – Unanimously)

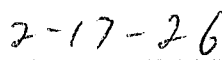
Public Comment Period –

None.

With no further business on the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.



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