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TO: Conservation District Supervisors and Staff

FROM: John Larson, WACD Executive Director

RE: 2007-2009 Biennium Decision Packages

I wanted to personally thank all of you for your assistance in providing WACD and the Conservation Commission with **REAL** justification for the decision packages that we are feverishly working to develop by the end of the week. Your diligence in getting **REAL** numbers associated with **REAL** projects provides WACD and WSCC the defensibility to ask for additional funds for districts to get **REAL** work done “on the ground” in your local district.

I’ve attached the overall summary of funding level requests for each specific resource issue. The actual budget packages are being developed in unison with the Office of Financial Management so that all the “T’s” are crossed and “I’s” are dotted correctly. Input from WACD’s Issue Committees is being used by WACD and Commission staff as the background for the decision packages.

The WACD O&D and Conservation Commission boards will review the packages next week and provide their suggestions and approval to go forward with the requests. The Office of Financial Management has given the Conservation Commission a final submittal deadline of August 25th.

Again, thank you for providing the district specific information that we requested. WACD and WSCC have the ability to show each districts needs in the state budget process on a local, regional, legislative, and statewide basis. The ability to describe the funding request on these different levels is way ahead of where we have been in the past and we have confidence that it will lead to additional opportunities for districts.

If you have any comments please feel free to contact me either by phone (360-259-8616) or email wacd-exec@wa.nacdnet.org .

John