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DATE: March 22, 2010  
TO: All Conservation Districts  
FROM: Washington State Conservation Commission  
SUBJECT: Good Standing Checklist for 2011-2013 Biennium

Attached please find the new Good Standing Checklist which was approved at the January 21, 2010 Conservation Commission meeting. This checklist is the result of many comments received from conservation districts after the first Good Standing process. The checklist will be used by the Commission to evaluate whether districts meet a minimum set of standards.

The goal of the Commission is to have all conservation districts in good standing by the time the commission allocates funds for the next biennial budget (2011-2013). In order to achieve that goal, Commission Regional Managers will immediately begin evaluating districts as well as provide information and assistance to help you achieve "good standing." The first report to the Commission on district status will be at the July 15, 2010 Commission meeting. Here is the process:

March 1 – July 15: Commission Regional Managers will do an initial review of conservation districts to see where opportunities for improvement exist and report to the Commission at the July 15 meeting.

July 16 – September 16: Commission Regional Managers will continue to work with districts. At their September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission will make an initial designation of Tier 1, 2, 3, or 4 (see below).

September 17 – December 2: Commission Regional Managers will continue to work with districts. If no improvement is achieved by November 15, then a plan of action will need to be presented at the December 2 Commission meeting. The Commission will then make a more formal designation of Tier 1, 2, 3, or 4 that will have standing in the budget allocation process if not alleviated by May 1, 2011.

Regional Managers will supply progress reports to each 2011 Commission meeting until the budget allocation decisions are made.

Tiers: At the September and December 2010 Commission meetings and continuing until budget allocation decisions are made, designations will be made of districts with respect to their level of good standing according to the checklist:

Tier 1: Districts meet all elements of checklist

Tier 2: One Category 2 element needs improvement

Tier 3: Two Category 2 elements need improvement

Tier 4: One or more Category 1 element needs improvement and/or three or more Category 2 elements need improvement

If you have questions on this process, please contact your Commission Regional Manager or Stu Trefry at (360) 407-6531 or [stu.trefry@scc.wa.gov](mailto:stu.trefry@scc.wa.gov).