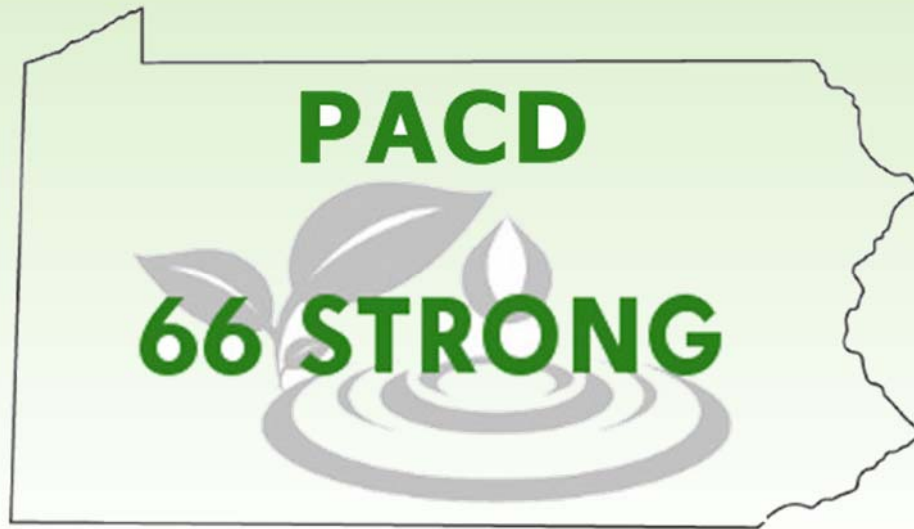


PACD/SCC WINTER MEETING



Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA
February 10-11, 2015



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 9:30 to 10:30 am Pre-Meeting Activity—Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Program Discussion**
During this time, staff from the State Conservation Commission and Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies will be available for group and individual discussions to help conservation districts prepare for the upcoming construction season.
- 10:30 am Conference Registration Opens**
- 11:00 am to Noon Concurrent Activities**
- ❖ **State Conservation Commission (SCC) Briefing Session**
During this session, which is open to the public, the SCC will receive a briefing on current issues, particularly relating to agenda items for their business meeting in the afternoon.
 - ❖ **PACD Conservation Committee**
Chair: Robb Piper, Manager, Cambria County Conservation District
The committee will consider reviving the M.K. Goddard Forest Resource Management Award. In addition, PACD is inviting a speaker to present on invasive species.
 - ❖ **PACD District Employees Committee**
Chair: Sandy Thompson, Manager, McKean County Conservation District
The committee will review plans for a 2016 Conservation District Staff Conference, and consider ways to work together with existing committees and planning groups currently coordinating training events for district staff.
 - ❖ **PACD Education and Outreach Committee**
Chair: Laura Anderson, Environmental Ed. Coordinator, Wyoming County Conservation District
The committee will discuss future priorities and projects as functions of the group's work. Members will discuss other outreach opportunities and dialogue about the development of an environmental education round table activity sometime in 2015.
 - ❖ **PACD Legislative Committee**
The committee will discuss and approve the association's legislative strategy for 2015.
- 12:15 to 1:15 pm Luncheon**
- 1:30 to 3:30 pm State Conservation Commission (SCC) Meeting**
The SCC will address business items during this public session.
- 3:45 to 4:45 pm Successful Grant Writing Tips**
Walt Whitmer, M.S., Senior Extension Associate, Penn State Extension
The keynote session for the 2015 Winter Meeting will focus on grant writing specifically for conservation districts. The hour-long event will cover ways for districts to write for "public" grant dollars. Time will allow for candid questions and answers, including a review of private grant dollars versus public grant funds. For any districts interested in writing successful grant application packets, this is a session you don't want to miss.

About Our Speaker

Walt Whitmer, Senior Extension Associate with Penn State Extension, has more than 20 years of grant writing experience, including 10 years teaching grant writing workshops and participating in external grant review committees. In his role with the Extension Office, Walt is responsible for statewide economic and community development research and educational programs. Walt has a B.S. in Agricultural Economics and an M.S. in Rural Sociology and Demography, both from Penn State.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 (Continued)

- 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **PACD Operations Committee**
- 5:00 to 7:00 pm** **Conservation District Leadership Development – Back to the Future**
The Leadership Development Program is providing this opportunity for conservation districts to discuss past leadership development initiatives and share thoughts about future programming, training and support needs.
- 5:00 to 7:00 pm** **Dinner on Your Own**
- 7:00 to 9:00 pm** **Hospitality Suite (P.J. Harrigans – First Floor)**
Join us for snacks and drinks at P.J. Harrigans, located on-site near hotel registration.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 8:00 to 9:45 am** **District Directors Breakfast**
An opportunity to network and discuss issues of importance, this breakfast is open to all and is included in both the Full Meeting and Wednesday registration packages.
- 8:00 to 9:45 am** **District Managers Breakfast**
An opportunity for managers to network and discuss issues of interest and importance, this breakfast is included for all district managers as part of the Full Meeting and Wednesday registration packages. It is open to district managers only.
- 10:00 am to Noon** **PACD Executive Council**
- Noon** **Meeting Concludes**



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Thank you for attending the PACD/SCC Winter Meeting!