

2019 Fall PACD Region Meetings Summary

Updated December 13, 2019

Following is a summary of the actions taken by the membership during the 2019 Fall PACD Region Meetings. PACD members are asked to review these items and come to the PACD Executive Council Meeting on January 23, 2020, ready to vote on these issues.

1. Clean Fill Policy

All six PACD regions voted to support this policy, which was proposed by the PACD Conservation Committee on July 17, 2019.

PACD supports legislation to raise Pennsylvania's clean fill standards to be in line with New Jersey, New York, and other neighboring states.

2. Policy on Unreported Discharges

All six PACD regions voted to support this policy, which was proposed by the PACD Legislative Committee on July 17, 2019. The South East added the text in red.

*PACD opposes legislation **or regulations** allowing for unreported discharges, spills or releases into waters of the Commonwealth that are not authorized by a DEP permit.*

3. Policy on Statewide Expedited Review Program (e.g. SB 891, Session of 2019)

SB 891 proposes an expedited review process by establishing an Advanced Permit Review Program and an Advanced Permit Review Fund. Three of the PACD regions were able to vote on this policy during the fall region meetings:

- a) South East: *PACD opposes Acts amending Title 27 of the PA Consolidated Statutes establishing advanced permit review programs and advanced permit review program funds unless they address conservation district concerns.*
- b) North West: *PACD will negotiate and create a productive amendment for SB 891, involving conservation districts in the review and permitting process for expedited reviews.*
- c) South West: *PACD opposes the formation of a statewide expedited review program.*

4. Policy Opposing HB 414

All six PACD regions supported opposition to HB 414, which requires an E&S permit application submitted by a state licensed engineer to be approved within 20 days of receipt. *As PACD already has existing policy on this issue, there is no need for a further vote.*



PACD Region Director Elections

Elections were held for PACD Region Director, with the following results:

- *NC Region Director:* Dr. Robert Shannon, Centre County Conservation District
- *NE Region Director:* Kelly Stagen, Pike County Conservation District
- *NW Region Director:* Clifford Lane, McKean County Conservation District
- *SC Region Director:* John Akers, Bedford County Conservation District
- *SE Region Director:* Piper Sherburne, Berks County Conservation District
- *SW Region Director:* Ruthann Omer, Allegheny County Conservation District

