Lancaster County Conservation District
Erosion & Sedimentation Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday October 22, 2026 1:30 P.M.
Farm & Home Center - Sunroom – Upstairs Room 222 - Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

In Person: Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, Kyle Solyak, Eric Hout, Chris Thompson, Adam Stern
Online: Deryk Shaw

1. Update on Writ of Prohibition at PA Supreme Court

Eric Hout notified the committee that the writ of mandamus filed with the PA Supreme Court has been dismissed. After this dismissal, the property owners of the Fairmount Road property filed a writ of prohibition with the PA Supreme Court and again named LCCD staff member Ryan Riebling within the filing along with various PADEP and Little Britain Township staff. The Commonwealth of PA will provide legal representation to Mr. Riebling as this new case progresses.

2. 2027 Building Industry Resource Conservation Award – **Action Requested**

Eric Hout reviewed four nominations submitted by staff of the E&S Department for this award. The committee recommended presenting the award to Harbor Engineering, Inc.

3. 2027 Fee Schedule – Draft

Adam Stern presented the first draft of proposed changes to the E&S Fee Schedule for 2027. As proposed, Service Fees will increase by ~5% for standalone E&S Plans and ~25% for NPDES Permits. Using submission data from 2025 and the proposed increases, staff project a 22% increase in total Service Fees for 2027. The Committee discussed addition of a fee discount for NPDES permit submissions that participate in a pre-application meeting with District staff. Adam has engaged DEP colleagues to discuss the possibility of this within the Chapter 102 program. Committee discussion and points for staff consideration:

- Goal is to incentivize pre-application meetings and high-quality submissions to maximize staff efficiency during review
- If a percentage, placing a cap on the discount amount for one specific project
- What is the average fee for our "target projects" and how would a percentage discount translate to amount for those
- Is there a way to make the discount a "deposit" that is then transferred to the outstanding fee amount
- Is this a situation where we want to incentivize positive work or disincentivize negative work or both

The Committee discussed addition of a resubmission fee for significantly deficient submissions. Staff proposed a resubmission fee (50% of original service fee) for projects that reach the Elevated Review stage of the SOP. Committee were generally in support of this proposal.

4. PCSM Delegation – Draft of Engineer Job Description & Posting

Adam Stern presented the first draft of a Job Description and Job Posting for a PCSM Engineer position. Committee asked about the need for both a posting and a description and whether the description should contain all qualifications for the position. Staff will consult with the District HR consultant to review this practice across the District.

Next Scheduled Meeting
Thursday November 19, 2026 @ 1:30 PM
Farm & Home Center and virtually via Microsoft Teams