

# **Soil Conservation Interim Committee Presentation**

Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District  
Latah Soil and Water Conservation District

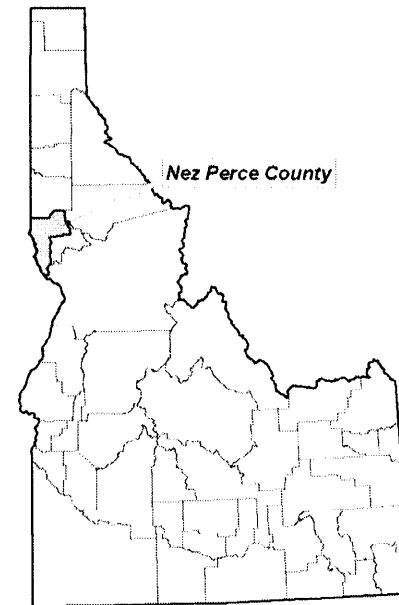
July 27, 2009

# Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District

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## *Elected Officials*

- Steve Becker
- Kyle Wilson
- Todd Wittman
- John Hermann
- Lisa Swanson
- Tracy Hill
- Dale Nichols



## *Staff*

Lynn Rasmussen, District Manager

# Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District

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## *Project Summary*

## *Budget*

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Wetland Mitigation/Development
- Transportation
- Youth Outreach
- Water Quality

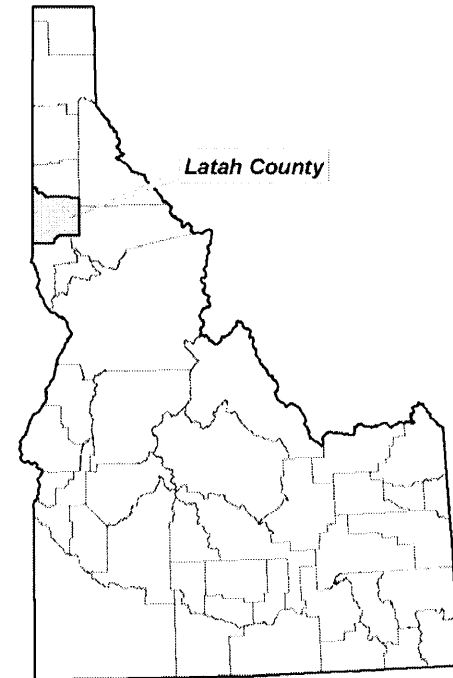
\$600,000

# Latah Soil and Water Conservation District

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## *Elected Officials*

- Cody Anderson
- Kyle Hawley
- Stu Goldstein
- Dave Huggins
- Frank Walker
- Wayne Jenson
- Kevin Meyer



## *Staff*

Ken Stinson, District Manager

# Latah Soil and Water Conservation District

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## *Project Summary*

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Palouse Prairie Restoration
- Youth Outreach
- Water Quality

## *Budget*

\$900,000

# Presentation Organization

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- Emphasis on Non-regulatory, Local Leadership
- ISCC Commissioners - Nomination and Appointment
- ISCC as Independent Commission
- ISCC Authorities
- ISCC Administrative Rule and Policy Development Procedures
- Legislative Budget Process
- Clearing the Public Record

# Emphasis on Non-Regulatory, Locally Led Conservation Programs

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- Emphasize non-regulatory incentive-based resource conservation programs at local level
- Maintain Districts as primary entities for planning and implementation of conservation practices
- Districts remain locally elected, independent bodies
- ISCC provides support and service to Districts
- Maintain or strengthen current statutory language supporting district program delivery

# ISCC Commissioners Nomination and Appointment

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- ISCC mission is to provide service and assistance to Districts
- Revise commissioner nomination process
- Increase number of commissioners
- Increase accountability to Districts



# ISCC as Independent Commission

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- ISCC mission focuses on non-regulatory programs
- ISDA mission is regulatory
- Potential conflict between roles
- ISCC as Independent Commission

# ISCC Authorities

## Remove Elected Officials from Office

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- Board members are elected officials
- Elections on general ballots
- ISCC aggressively attempted to remove elected officials
- Elected officials subject to recall elections
- Office of the Attorney General responsible for criminal misconduct
- Suggest authority be removed from statute

# ISCC Authorities

## Withhold Legislative Funds

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- ISCC withheld FY09 legislative funds
- Requested copies of applicable authorities, rules, policies, and procedures
- ISCC - “There are no documents responsive to this request”
- ISCC continues to develop new policies to withhold funds
- Clarify legislative intent to provide this authority to ISCC

# ISCC Administrative Rule and Policy Development Procedures

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- ISCC has attempted to remove elected officials, withheld legislative funds, and cancelled contracts
- ISCC stated they maintain limited documentation defining applicable rules, policies, procedures and guidance
- ISCC undertakes policy development with limited formal public review and/or notification
- ISCC administrative and policy development procedures need public review

# Budget Process

## Districts to Legislature

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- Idaho Code requires formal public hearing
- ISCC public hearing decisions result in motions to request full 2:1 matching funds
- ISCC forwards decision to Legislature only 50% of the time
- Consider budget requests to Legislature directly from Districts

# Clearing the Public Record

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- Numerous public allegations directed towards district elected officials and their staff
- Public record needs to be corrected

# Future

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Building a Stronger Independent  
Conservation District Delivery System  
throughout Idaho