

## **Watershed Agricultural Council - General Program Input from Participants and General Public**

It is the policy of the Watershed Agricultural Council to consider input from program participants and the general public with the goal of improving both WAC programs and their delivery. In order to achieve this goal all input received in writing from participants and the general public will be reviewed and considered.

In the event that program participants or members of the general public seek to address either the full WAC Board, WAC Executive Committee, or WAC Easement Committee (pursuant to the open meetings provision of the WAC Transparency Policy) with a specific matter of concern, such requests for “Privilege of the Floor” shall also be reviewed and considered.

### Guidelines

1. All input received in writing will be referred to the WAC Policy Committee and/or the appropriate program committee for consideration.
2. The individual/organization submitting the input will be advised in writing of the basis for the outcome of that consideration
3. The General Public and/or Program Participants may, if requested, be provided an opportunity to present and explain their issues (proposal, concern or application) to WAC during an open meeting of the WAC Board, WAC Executive Committee, or WAC Easement Committee.
  - a. Any person seeking “Privilege of the Floor” must submit a prior written request, at least two weeks in advance, to the WAC Chair and/or Committee Chair that specifies the meeting he/she wants to attend and clearly describes the specific subject matter to be presented at the meeting.
  - b. The person will be notified by the WAC Chair and/or Committee Chair in writing whether their request was approved or denied, along with a specific date and time for attendance if the request is approved, or a reasonable explanation for denial if request is denied.
  - c. Ultimately, the WAC Chair and/or Committee Chair retains the right to choose the order in which members of the public speak, limit comments from the public in order to keep the meeting on agenda and within timeframe, and to offer a timeframe for WAC’s response to the public comments.

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