

BAC DISCUSSION GUIDE

Proposal to Fill BAC Vacancies

Prepared for September 27th 2023 BAC Meeting

Background

BAC members have expressed the desire to self-select members of the Advisory Committee. The Tri-Sovereigns also support this idea. In order to accomplish this, we are proposing identifying caucuses within the BAC. Each caucus would be charged with recommending individuals to fill vacancies within their caucus (e.g. the Ag caucus would make a recommendation to fill a vacancy within the Ag seats). This recommendation would then be approved by consensus of the BAC.

In order for this to proceed, the BAC needs to formalize who is in which caucus. A starting point for your discussion is attached.

It is important to remember that each interest area or caucus is directed in the operating procedures¹ to represent the broad interest within that interest group. Therefore, in filling vacancies it is important to consider perspectives within your interest group that are not currently represented on the BAC—rather than adding more members who share your perspective.

BAC Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any objections or concerns to the caucus approach? If so, what do you propose as an alternative?
2. If you support the caucus approach, do you agree with the proposed caucuses? Where does Economic Development best fit?

¹ From the Operating Procedures: "BAC members will...Keep other members of your interest group informed of AC efforts, solicit input on issues discussed, and share this input with the WWBAC as a whole. This is a key responsibility of members; it is important that members represent the broad perspectives of their interest group"



Advisory Committee Caucuses (DRAFT)

Proposed Caucus	Interest Group	Primary	Alternate
AGRICULTURE	Agriculture	Mark Wagoner Gardena Farms Irrigation District markswagoner@gmail.com	Mike Ingham Gardena Farms Irrigation District mikeingham@inghams.org
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		TBD	Ali Fitzgerald Snake River Salmon Recovery Board ali@snakeriverboard.org
	Recreation/Quality of Life	Linda Herbert Blue Mountain Land Trust lherbert621@msn.com	Jerry Norquist Community Member jlowellnorquist@gmail.com
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