



Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

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Requested additions of Vermont Natural Resources Conservation Districts to H.687 Per VACD testimony on April 11, 2024

Reference is made to H.687 as passed by the House.

The **State Natural Resources Conservation Council** is the state agency that oversees Vermont's conservation districts, per 10 V.S.A. Chapter 31, the Vermont Soil Conservation Act.

Chapter 220 Consolidated Environmental Appeals, § 8502, (5), Definition of "Party by right"	Add "the natural resources conservation district in which the project is located" to the list of parties by right.
Section 21 Criterion 8(C) Rulemaking, (b)	Add "including the State Natural Resources Conservation Council" to the paragraph regarding convening a stakeholder working group.
Section 27 Tier 3 Rulemaking, (b)	Add the State Natural Resources Conservation Council to members of the working group of stakeholders.
Section 29, 10 V.S.A. § 6034 Tier 1A Area Status (c)(A)(v)	Add "the natural resources conservation district in which the municipality is located" to the list of entities that should be notified of Tier 1A applications.
Section 34 Tier 2 Area Report (a)	Add the sentence, "This report shall be developed in consultation with the State Natural Resources Conservation Council."
Section 37, 24 V.S.A. § 4345 (a)	Add "In consultation with the local natural resources conservation district," to the first sentence.
Section 39, 24 V.S.A. § 4348 (b)	Add ", including the State Natural Resources Conservation Council" to the last sentence of this paragraph.
Section 39, 24 V.S.A. § 4348 (d)(1)	Add "the natural resources conservation district(s) in the geographic area covered by the plan" to the list of entities to be notified of public hearings on Regional Plans.

Section 39, 24 V.S.A. § 4348 (d)(1)(E)	Add “the State Natural Resources Conservation Council” to the list of state agencies to be notified of public hearings on Regional Plans.
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