

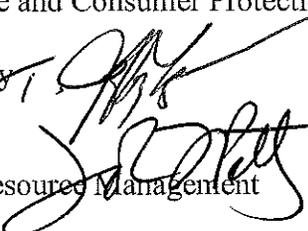


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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

DATE: September 1, 2017

TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM: Jeff Lyon, Interim Secretary 
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Division of Agricultural Resources Management

SUBJECT: Report of the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB)

PRESENTED BY: Mark Cupp, LWCB Chair

RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only

SUMMARY / BACKGROUND:

The LWCB will provide a report to the ATCP Board concerning significant activities and concerns arising out of its role in overseeing state conservation and related programs. Highlights of last year include:

2016 Annual Report

The report showcases conservation highlights from several counties, the status of conservation funding, commitments to address priority issues, water quality strategies employed across the state, conservation practices planned and implemented, reported nutrient load reductions, and future directions.

County Accountability

Through increased engagement with counties, the LWCB will more systematically examine county approaches to planning activities and evaluating implementation efforts. When counties appear before the board for land and water management plan revisions and review, they must answer pre-set written questions and provide recent planning documentation. These submissions are designed to support an honest dialogue with the goal of improving county conservation efforts.

Adequate Support for Conservation

The LWCB remains focused on the resources needed to successfully operate county and other conservation programs within the state. As part of the current budgeting process, the Board has received updates and shared its concerns including testimony by two Board members during their Senate confirmation hearings.

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