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MEMO TO: ALL County Conservation Board Members & Staff

It was great to see a healthy 1/3 of our statewide CCB employees in Waterloo this week at **Winterfest 2015** - some excellent educational sessions, and unparalleled networking! Lots of new faces too! THANKS for supporting this event with your participation.

It is THE Most Important Thing You Will Do in Your Conservation Career, and The Time Is NOW!

This email consists of important information about supporting the **Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund**, including our efforts this next Monday at the state capitol.

1. ATTACHMENTS / LINKS:

- **January 26th News Release** about Monday's legislative efforts at the capitol.
- **"Palm Cards"** that will be available at the capitol to assist efforts on Monday.
- **Legislative Forum Guide** - information about forums - how to prepare, what to expect.
- **LINK to 1.15.2015 Trust Fund Report:** http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/uploads/3/0/6/6/3066963/2015_-_trust_fund_report_-_1.15.15.pdf

Please visit the annual report available via this link. It is THE BEST source for the explanation of the 2010 constitutional amendment, as well as the flow of the funding streams which will provide for the distribution of the dollars once they become available. **It really is a MUST READ!**

2. THE "MOST" IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE FORUMS:

Our LS2 consulting team sifted through the myriad of scheduled legislative forums, and has identified those that need to have us in attendance due to the legislative leadership that will be hosting the event. These ten are listed below with the locations highlighted in red. If there is one of these in or near your county that it may be possible for you to attend - we urge you to take a friend or two and do so! I have attached a "Forum Guide" that may help you prepare for a forum, and give you some ideas of what you can expect. **A full listing of ALL LEGISLATIVE FORUMS and this guide may also be found in the "IWILL INFORMATION" file in the IACCB Portal.**

3. MONDAY, MONDAY, MONDAY - What to Expect

- THANKS to all of you that have passed along your indications that you will be joining the coalition effort on Monday. I am feeling very confident that County Conservation will have 50-75 supporters at the Capitol for this effort. We understand that PF will be turning out right at 100 folks, and there will be many others from the other coalition partners. I have also seen the names of some of our alumni popping up on lists - so this should be a great day for natural resources!
- OUR TARGET - to meet with our legislators between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 PM. It is anticipated that they will gavel in at 1:00 PM.
- If you have yet to contact them, or need to follow up with them - get a message out TODAY!
- Plan to tell your personal conservation stories and make them memorable (such as hunting or fishing, local flooding, lake restoration, water quality, or soil erosion issue) - include the scope of what you can do with the money!
- Should you be interested, Activist Training will be provided, and occur every half hour beginning at 1:15 PM - this will be done by representatives of our LS@ consulting group.
- **SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY** - Please plan accordingly for your travel time, parking, accessing the capitol building through security (south and west entrances recommended), etc. I will most likely be arriving by 11:00 AM as we have a table/display to get set up in the rotunda area. It would be great if you all could target an arrival around noon, as that will be the time that many of the other coalition representatives will also be arriving. There will be a check-in table for this broader event - please stop there first, and then visit the county conservation table. (NOTE: There will only be a total of 7 tables in the rotunda area - so we should be easy to locate!) I am hopeful that we may be able to find a location on the lower level (cafeteria area) that we can gather and have a

brief meeting around 12:45 PM. I have extended an invitation to our lobbyists to meet with us to provide any updates, guidance, etc. The coalition will have quite a few folks on hand to assist us all with sending notes in to legislators, etc. **Please remember to WEAR BLUE for the day** - shirts, sport coats, etc. We will have a limited number of blue T-shirts available to us - so those will be available too (L and XL sizes only). Otherwise, there is not too much rigid structure for this short time period. You will be asked to write a quick thank-you note to your legislators and turn those in at the IWILL registration table - we will follow up and be mailing these to the legislators with other materials - thanks in advance for this one extra step on Monday.

Please let me know if you have any questions - I will be working on IWILL items throughout this weekend, so anytime is fine.....looking forward to seeing many of you on Monday!

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Saturday, January 24 11:00am-noon

Where: Sibley Community Library, 406 9th St, Sibley, Iowa

Who: Sen. David Johnson and Rep. John Wills

Host: Osceola County Farm Bureau

Friday, January 30 12:00-12:45pm

Where: Danny's Sports Spot, 1013 South 2nd St, Cherokee, Iowa

Who: Sen. Randy Feenstra

Saturday, January 31 9:00-10:30am

Where: Wilson Middle School (auditorium), 715 North 21st St, Council Bluffs, IA

Who: Senators Mike Gronstal and Tom Shipley. Representatives Greg Forristall, Mary Ann Hanusa, and Charlie McConkey.

Host: Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, January 31 9:30am

Where: North Liberty City Council Chamber, 5 E Cherry St, North Liberty, Iowa

Who: Senators Joe Bolckcom, Bob Dvorsky, and Kevin Kinney. Representatives Bobbby Kaufmann, Dave Jacoby, Vicki Lensing, Mary Mascher, and Sally Stutsman.

Host: Johnson County League of Women Voters

Saturday, January 31 9:00am

Where: Hiawatha Public Library, 150 West Willman Street

Who: Senators Liz Mathis and Kraig Paulsen

Saturday, January 31 11:00am

Where: Marion Public Library, 1095 6th Avenue, Marion, Iowa

Who: Senators Liz Mathis and Kraig Paulsen

Saturday, February 7 8:00-9:00am

Where: Restored Depot, 116 West Adams St, Creston, Iowa

Who: Sen. Tom Shipley and Rep. Jack Drake

Host: Creston Chamber of Commerce

Friday, February 6 12:00-12:45pm

Where: Pizza Ranch, 1505 8th St SE, Orange City, Iowa

Who: Sen. Randy Feenstra

Saturday, February 7 9:00am

Where: Chickasaw County Farm Bureau, 506 W. Milwaukee Street, New Hampton, Iowa

Who: Sen Mary Jo Wilhelm

Saturday, February 7 9:00-10:30am

Where: Council Chambers, 420 2nd Ave West, Spencer, Iowa

Who: Sen. David Johnson and Rep. John Wills

Host: Spencer Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, February 7 9:30am

Where: Dubuque Cracker Barrel at Diamond Jo Casino, 301 Bell St, Dubuque, Iowa

Who: Senators Tod Bowman and Pam Jochum. Representatives Abby Finkenauer, Chuck Isenhardt, and Nancy Dunkel.

3 attachments

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 **PALM CARDS - CAPITOL DAY.pdf**
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 **LEGISLATIVE FORUM GUIDE.pdf**
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