Executive Order 21-02
Cultural Resources Policy Update

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• Very similar - with a few differences
  • New documentation requirement
  • Certain property acquisitions included

• Also requested by DAHP
  • Practice lists update
  • 5 year revisit
What is staying the same?

• WSCC is responsible for compliance
• Districts must attest
• Two practice lists
• Need to allow time
• Reimbursement for most expenses
Also not new

- **RCW 27.53** prohibits knowingly disturbing or removing archeological resources on public or private property
- An unanticipated discovery plan (UDP) strongly recommended
- Don’t wait – steady as she goes
- Help and training are available. Call anytime!
What would change?

- Policy language
- Documentation to DAHP
- Practice lists to be updated
- Revisit every 5 years
- Property acquisition projects **culminating in soil-disturbing construction activities** would now be subject to cultural resources review
- Forms etc. are being updated
Are there questions?
Recommended Action:
Commissioners direct staff to publish the draft Cultural Resources Policy update for at least a 30 day review and comment period by conservation districts with the intent that further action will be considered at the September 2021 Commission meeting.
Any more follow-up questions? – reach out any time!

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