

## TransCanada–Keystone XL Steele City

### Contact Record

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| Date/Time: 06.07.2010 | Meeting    Phone Conversation    E-Mail (attach) <i>(highlight)</i> |
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| Agency/Organization(s): | Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), South Dakota State Office |
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| Person(s) Involved: | NRCS: Kent Cooley (Soil scientist), Stan Boltz (State Range Scientist)<br>WESTECH: Lisa Larsen, Corey Baker |
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**Notes:** WESTECH requested a meeting with the SD NRCS State Office to solicit comments on the Keystone XL CON/REC Units and revegetation mixes. The meeting was held in Rapid City, SD at the NRCS Office. CON/REC Units were previously sent to SB and KC electronically for their review. LL and CB described the project, explained how CON/REC Units were created and provided background on formulation of seed mixes. SB and KC repeatedly expressed surprise over the level of thoroughness and scope of reclamation planning.

Both SB and KC agreed that forbs are not needed in the mixes based on the fact that they tend to reestablish well on their own. Seed rates were satisfactory for a Critical Area planting. SB suggested a few changes to species composition and varieties (see attached CON/REC Units with track changes).

CB and LL questioned SB and KC about landowner communications, regarding reclamation issues per the SD PUC conditions. They recommended the following ideas to disseminate information to landowners:

- County Conservation Districts (meetings, printed materials)
- FSA Newsletter
- Town meetings
- Internet
- TransCanada letter/Land Agents

KC wondered if it would be possible to utilize the pipeline trench to characterize soils for NRCS soils surveys.

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| Is follow up required? | Yes – send revisions using track changes (attached). Clarify if trench can be utilized to characterize soils. Contact during reclamation to be on-site to observe. |
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| Commitments made: | See attached CON/REC Units changes |
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| Recorded by: | Lisa Larsen and Corey Baker, WESTECH |
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