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5 Things to Know: February 25, 2021

Dear weblinx,

No Executive Corner column this week! I received my second COVID-19 inoculation yesterday and today I'm feeling less than well. Friends tell me that means the shot is working! I'm sure that I'll be feeling much better next week.

Be sure to check out the Plant Materials Center update. Operations there are in full swing despite weather-related challenges. Everyone is healthy! Link: <https://bit.ly/37KNv4X>

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1. WACD Legislative Week Materials & Legislative Lunch

For those interested or planning to participate in Legislative Week starting March 10th, we invite our members and partners to attend a "Legislative Lunch" virtual event on March 8th from 12 - 1 PM via Zoom. We will be doing a brief overview of the legislative session thus far, what budget information districts should know, and the necessary tips for these virtual legislative appointments. Get the information here: <https://bit.ly/3sup1oM>

2. WACD 2021 Legislative Priorities

In advance of WACD's 2021 Legislative Week starting on March 10th, staff has prepared a "Legislative 1-Pager" for participating conservation districts to use in their meetings with state legislators. This was prepared by staff, guided by feedback from the Board of Directors, and informed by resolutions adopted by the membership. Link: <https://bit.ly/37LTNla>

3. Bi-monthly Pacific Region meeting with virtual advocacy week discussion

NACD's Pacific Region will hold a Bi-Monthly Pacific Region Meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 2, 4 PM Pacific time. Coleman Garrison, NACD's Director of Government Affairs, will join us to discuss [NACD's Virtual Advocacy Week](#) (Mar. 22-26). For those that are new to NACD: we typically host an annual Spring Fly-In each March in Washington DC, where conservation district officials and partners are encouraged to come to DC to advocate on behalf of the conservation partnership. Get the details at: <https://bit.ly/3pOQCPG>

4. Public Broadband Act Passes House

Washington's long-held restriction on public utilities offering public broadband service directly to residents is one step closer to being overturned after the House voted 60-37 to pass the Public Broadband Act (HB 1336). Promoting rural broadband fits with a resolution passed by WACD members

in December. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2NYPLPj>

5. Preliminary February Board Meeting Minutes Now Available

Draft minutes of WACD's February 15th Board of Directors Meeting are now available. Follow this link: <https://bit.ly/2NHqd9x>

Hub Hints!

- **The new Hub** is being well received. As a reminder, it is packed with information so you will need to drill down to the topics that are of greatest interest to you. The Hub is all business, all the time!
- **What has been recently posted?** The easiest way to see what has been getting posted to the Hub is to scroll partway down the home page to the [Recent Posts](#) block. Click on Recent Posts to be whisked to a page that lists in date order all published posts. You'll see the title of each item, and to the right, you'll see the posting date and the category or categories it was posted to. (Power tip: click the category name to view all posts made under that topic!)
- Scroll a bit farther down the page to find the **Districts in the News links**. Next to that block is the **Reading List** of news items that may range a little more widely than the content we publish on the Hub.

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- **Washington Conservation Society** – WCS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization so your contributions are tax-deductible. If you make purchases through Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases goes to WCS in support of their programs and initiatives.

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