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Dear weblinx,

Here are WACD's 5 Things in brief:

1. NACD has announced the details for the summer meeting in Chicago; registration is open. Also, the NACD TA grant deadline is June 1.
2. Roll out the welcome wagon for new supervisors and managers in May and June!
3. Committees are active.
4. A new PMC update is available.
5. WACD published an abbreviated survey of employee benefits.

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Washington Association of Conservation Districts

5 Things to Know for May 6, 2021

1. NACD: [summer meeting](#) & [June 1 TA grant deadline](#)

[Registration for the 2021 NACD summer meeting in Chicago is now open!](#) Come celebrate the 75th anniversary of NACD!

There is a little less than a month left for potential grantees to apply for [NACD](#) Technical Assistance Grants; applications are due by **June 1**.

2. [Welcome wagon](#)

Once the [Conservation Commission meets on May 20](#), we'll know who our new conservation district supervisors are. Please take a moment to call new supervisors and managers in your area to welcome them and to let them know that everyone wants them to be successful. You will create a positive tone for our new people and may find new friends when you reach out with warmth and welcome. This also helps strengthen our conservation community.

3. [Committees](#)

The [WACD Finance Committee](#) met early this week. The [Joint Committee on Elections](#) (JCE) steering committee met this week to work on preparing for the next JCE meeting. The consultant contract for the [Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) (CDEI) work continues to progress.

4. [PMC update speaks to the many benefits of trees](#)

WACD PMC Nursery Manager Jim Brown writes this week about trees and the many benefits

they provide. If you have missed some updates, you can catch up in the PMC category at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/topics/wacd/pmc/>.

5. [WACD survey on district employee benefits](#)

WACD staff determined that a survey of member districts on the issue of non-salary benefits would be helpful to WACD as we review our current benefits package. We surveyed the 19 conservation districts that have a WACD board member. As expected, there is a wide range of benefits provided to employees. WACD's benefits appear to fall within that spectrum.

Executive Corner

We are picking up some of the pieces that got shoved to the side during the legislative session so there is no Exec Corner article this week.

[Governor announces two-week pause on reopening](#)

Gov. Jay Inslee announced a two-week pause on movement in the [Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery](#) reopening plan. Under the pause, every county will remain in its [current phase](#). At the end of two weeks, each county will be re-evaluated. The decision was made in consultation with the Department of Health and reflects current data suggesting Washington's fourth wave has hit a plateau.

Always yours for conservation,

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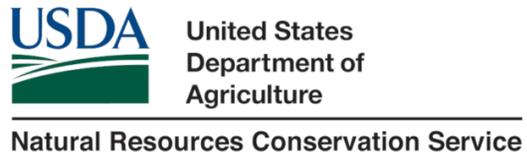
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