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Dear weblinx,

Here are 5 Things from WACD in brief:

1. WADE's annual conference starts Monday, June 14.
2. WACD Board to meet Monday, June 21. The focus will be on WACD's budget.
3. Commission webinar about the AgLand Database on Monday, June 21.
4. Improve your governance skills through NGLI.
5. This is an ideal time to reach out to your legislators and get them in the field.

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5 Things to Know for June 10, 2021

1. WADE's annual conference starts Monday, June 14

The Washington Association of District Employees' annual training and networking conference begins Monday, June 14 and goes through Wednesday, June 16. [There is still time to register](#) and the [conference schedule is available](#).

2. WACD Board to meet Monday, June 21

On Monday, June 21st, WACD's Board of Directors will hold a regular business meeting. The June meeting will be focused primarily on the Association's budget for fiscal year 21-22 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). WACD has experienced some interesting changes in our usual conditions, including:

- the WACD annual conference was held virtually instead of in person;
- Plant Materials Center sales appear to have set a new record;
- the Executive Office moved to a new office location;
- returns on investments were higher than anticipated; and
- WACD is fully staffed for the first time in recent memory.

We expect some interesting discussions around the proposed budget. Please consider joining the meeting. Meeting information will be posted at <https://wadistricts.org/board-of-directors>.

3. Commission webinar on the AgLand Database on Monday, June 21

The Washington State Agland Database combines land ownership, land use, and assessment information with physical characteristics of the land to develop economic, social, and

environmental metrics about the agriculture land base. This high-resolution dataset can produce maps, statistics, and models at multiple scales. The Agland Database is a comprehensive platform for understanding how agricultural ownership and land use is changing, thereby enabling new science and research to inform public policy analysis, debate, and action. [Learn more.](#)

4. Improve your governance skills through NGLI

The goal of NGLI is to equip conservation district leaders with the tools to become national leaders through personal, civic, and organizational leadership development. This comprehensive training will help participants rise to meet the future needs of natural resources management, helping them to increase their capacity to navigate and manage complex conservation challenges – both current and future – at the local, state, and national levels. [Learn more about how to apply.](#)

5. This is an ideal time to get your legislators out in the field

Now that the legislative session is over, and pandemic restrictions are on track to be lifted by June 30th, legislators are more available for project showcases and conversations that last more than 15 minutes. WACD is in contact with two districts that are already planning events this summer for local elected officials and we expect more are considering the idea.

WACD is extending an offer of assistance to any district interesting in hosting a district tour this summer or fall. Whether it be contacting legislators or co-event planning, we believe the investment of time and resources can pay numerous dividends when it comes time to convince your decision makers of the value of funding your local, voluntary conservation efforts.

Please [contact Ryan Baye](#) if you are interested in WACD support.

Executive Corner

I love attending conservation district meetings because our people make all of our work real. This week, climate conversations came up in a meeting, and that sparked some thoughts. Here is the latest Executive Corner article: [How do we talk about climate change with landowners?](#)

Plant Materials Center update...soon

As you might expect, life is very busy at the WACD Plant Materials Center! We'll get an update to you soon. Meanwhile, find past updates at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/topics/wacd/pmc/>.

EDIT: [Five things to know about the PMC for June 10, 2021](#) is now available!

DNR Treelink

For those interested in urban and community forestry, we commend to you DNR's Treelink website at <https://dnrtreelink.wordpress.com/>. They have an article in the latest issues on a delightful pest-resistant tree, the [Red Horsechestnut](#).

Always yours for conservation,

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