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Dear weblinx,

5 Things from WACD in brief:

1. WACD dues invoices are being sent out now. The big news is that dues are reduced by \$400 per member district!
2. The WACD Board of Directors adopted a budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.
3. Best wishes to two NRCS area conservationists who are taking up some new challenges!
4. The Washington State Conservation Commission will meet in July.
5. WADE conference materials now available online.

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Washington Association of Conservation Districts

5 Things to Know for June 24, 2021

1. Your WACD dues invoice being sent now

Your conservation district should be receiving the annual dues statement from WACD very shortly. That statement contains a pleasant surprise: a reduction in dues for each member district of \$400. WACD had an exceptional year! You will also find a message from WACD Executive Director Tom Salzer with your dues invoice.

2. WACD adopts new budget for fiscal year 2021-2022

On Monday, the WACD Board of Directors adopted a new budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). The Board authorized a \$400 reduction in dues for member districts. That results in an \$18,000 reduction in revenue so WACD will pull from investment gains to cover. WACD also envisions travel to more in-person meetings in FY 21-22, resulting in higher costs. At this time, WACD anticipates holding the 2021 WACD annual conference virtually with an in-person annual business meeting. Stay tuned for more as this develops!

3. Thank you, Joe and John, as you take up new roles

Joe Williams has accepted a position with NRCS's National Soil Health Division based out of the West National Technology Support Center in Portland, Oregon. John George is relocating to serve as the Nature Resource Conservation Service's American Indian Liaison in Nevada.

WACD extends best wishes to Joe and John and thanks them for their great service in Washington State.

4. WSCC to meet in July

The Washington State Conservation Commission will meet on July 15 by online webinar and teleconference. Find meeting information at: <https://www.scc.wa.gov/commission-meetings>

5. WADE conference materials now available online

Materials from the 2021 Washington Association of District Employees' annual conference are now available online. Find that content at: <https://sites.google.com/site/wadistrictemployees/wade-conference/presentations>

Executive Corner

This week, I was contacted by a district manager about how track issues, identify priorities, and frankly, just how to keep it all together! This person was interested in how I had approached organizational change. *"It seems I am in fire fighting mode right now and have these large district remodeling projects on my mind that I can't seem to get beyond."*

Find my response in: [Managers and Leaders: How Do You Keep It All Together?](#) I hope you enjoy it.

Updated District Directory

Please stay tuned for an updated District Directory. We should get this updated soon after sending the annual dues invoices to conservation districts. We also provide region-by-region contact lists of board chairs and managers at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/resources/contacts/> (contact Tom or Ryan if you need the password).

Always yours for conservation,

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