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# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

## 5 Things to Know for October 14, 2021

Dear weblinx,

For the past several weeks we've been ramping up work for [annual area association meetings](#). The moment arrived this week with the annual meetings of the Southwest Area Association of Conservation Districts and the Northwest Area Association of Conservation Districts. While we wish we could be meeting in person, it was still very pleasant and informative to meet virtually with so many conservation district supervisors, associate supervisors, staff, and partners.

Next week the North Central and the Northeast area associations will meet. The week after that, the South Central and Southeast area associations will take us to the finish line on area association annual meetings this year.

### 1. Five resolutions adopted at SW, NW Area Association meetings

On Wednesday, the Southwest Area Association of Conservation Districts adopted two resolutions. On Thursday, the Northwest Area Association of Conservation Districts adopted three resolutions, including one that was adopted yesterday by the Southwest Area:

- NWAA 2021-01 WACD Sustainable Funding Committee (as adopted)
- NWAA 2021-02 Establish HAB Workgroup (as adopted)
- NWAA 2021-03 NRC Reimbursable Rate for Riparian Practices (as adopted)
- SWAA 2021-01 Sustainable Funding Committee (as adopted)
- SWAA 2021-02 Workplace Policy Improvements (as adopted)

WACD staff updated the list of adopted resolutions while we prepared this 5 Things newsletter. Here is the link to see all resolutions that were brought forward and the resolutions that have been adopted: <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/areas/#resolutions>

### 2. New Area Directors elected in SW, one AD re-elected in NW

The Southwest Area Association of Conservation Districts elected **Lisa Zaborac** (Grays Harbor CD) and **Marshall Stowe** (Wahkiakum CD) as Area Directors. Lisa takes over for **Dean Longrie** (Clark CD) and Marshall takes over for **John Keatley** (Cowlitz CD). We welcome Lisa and Marshall and say a big thank you for the long, committed service gifted to us by Dean and John.

At the Northwest Area Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting, incumbent Area Director **Alan Chapman** (Whatcom CD) was re-elected to another two-year term.

### 3. Lewis CD posted a video Area Association report

We share with you a YouTube video posted by the Lewis CD as their report to the Southwest Area Association. Take a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EURXqVsvTDc>



Has your conservation district explored using videos? WACD can share them with our community so that you can enjoy and learn from them!

#### 4. WACD desires your feedback by Friday, November 12

Several reports are available for conservation districts to review and comment on at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/areas/#reports>

What reports are available?

- Two work products from the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- A report on the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Elections
- Five changes to bylaws proposals from WACD

**Please send your feedback, comments, and ideas by Friday, November 12 to [feedback@wacd.org](mailto:feedback@wacd.org)**

Your feedback will help to inform the WACD Board of Directors as they take up these reports and recommendations at their regular meeting on Monday, November 15.

#### 5. Envirothon needs items for auction before November 15

**Donations accepted until November 15:** Each year, item donations are needed for the Washington State Envirothon Auction at the Washington Association of Conservation District (WACD) Annual Meeting. Items such as gift certificates, signed memorabilia, event tickets, outdoor gear, themed baskets, etc. are welcome donations.

**Envirothon auction will be online November 22 - December 7:** This year's auction will be virtual and all proceeds from the auction will support the Washington State Envirothon team on their road to Nationals. Washington State regional competitions will be combined with the state competition this year in a virtual format. Your financial support will help students prepare themselves for this year's environmental competition and to be potential future leaders in the environmental and natural resources field.

Learn more at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/conference/#envirothon>

## In other news...

### WACD Plant Materials Center update

The WACD PMC update this week is also the report that PMC Nursery Manager Jim Brown is submitting to the WACD Board of Directors as a periodic update on the PMC. Find his report of sales running at a record pace, some budget concerns, and more at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/2021/10/pmc-update-20211014/>

### Deadline for WACD award submissions is October 29th

The deadline for WACD awards is fast approaching. We have many awards available to help recognize and celebrate people in all aspects of conservation work, including a new award this year to recognize an outstanding Associate Supervisor. Learn more and find the award form by visiting <https://wadistricts.org/wacd-awards>. There is no better time than today to get the ball rolling toward important, welcome recognition.

### Reminder: RCPP webinars start Monday, October 18

The Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington will offer four informational webinars to discuss the nuances of RCPP under the 2018 Farm Bill. People are encouraged to attend the series in preparation for the Fiscal Year 2022 RCPP funding announcement, which is expected to release in Fall 2021. [Learn more...](#)

Session Schedule:

- **Oct. 18, 3 to 4 p.m.** "An Introduction to RCPP," hosted by Laura Williams, RCPP State Coordinator
- **Oct. 25, 3 to 4 p.m.** "RCPP & Conservation Easements," hosted by Alexandra James, RCPP Easement Liaison
- **Nov. 1, 3 to 4 p.m.** "RCPP Watershed & Public Works," hosted by Laura Williams, RCPP State Coordinator
- **Nov. 8, 3 to 4 p.m.** "Developing an RCPP Proposal," hosted by Laura Williams, RCPP State Coordinator

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## From your Executive Director...

### Reflection

The title of my reflection this week might sound silly but the thoughts are serious. [The significance of a bracelet](#) speaks to remembering our veterans and how I remember the unique nature of every person in our community.

### Weekly thought

Remembering the value that each of us provides in our quest to conserve natural resources might also remind us that we are working in service to others. This is part of a larger idea called [servant leadership](#). I hope this quote from Kevin Hall, author of [Aspire: Discovering Your Purpose Through the Power of Words](#), helps to bring this home for you:

***"A life of significance is about serving those who need your gifts, your leadership, your purpose."***

Always yours for conservation,

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