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5 Things to Know for October 28, 2021

🍂 All six area association meetings have concluded! 🍂

Dear weblinx,

Yes, it's true: [WACD's 2021 annual conference](#) starts on Tuesday! We've experienced many ups and downs as the conference has developed. Registrations are quite light at the moment and some speakers have backed out for various reasons. Nevertheless, WACD will put forward a quality conference with content that is meaningful for our member conservation districts! We look forward to seeing you there. [Register here](#).

1. The deadline for WACD award submissions is now!

The **deadline for WACD awards is Friday, October 29th**. 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.

2. Annual conference sessions begin on Tuesday!

We have some interesting session topics and speakers lined up for the 2021 WACD Annual Conference, which kicks off on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 11:00 am. Find the session schedule and more at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/conference/#sessions>.

3. 18 resolutions adopted at area association meetings

Voters at the annual meetings of the six area associations adopted 18 resolutions. Find them at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/areas/#resolutions>

WACD's Executive Committee will assign area resolutions to WACD committees. WACD staff will email this information to all conservation district supervisors and managers on October 29th.

4. We have two new Area Directors this year and seek one more

With all six area association meetings completed, two new area directors were elected.

Welcome to Lisa Zaborac and Marshall Stowe!

There is still a vacancy in the Southeast Area for Area Director and WACD is seeking interested conservation district supervisors. The Southeast Area includes these conservation districts:

- Asotin County CD
- Columbia CD
- Palouse CD
- Pine Creek CD

- Pomeroy CD
- Rock Lake CD
- Walla Walla County CD
- Whitman CD

5. Plant Materials Center update

Sales have astounded us all! We are amazed at the record level of plant sales being booked by the WACD Plant Materials Center. Fall seed planting is suspended due to wet weather. Live stake orders have been filled but there is still time to order stakes for fall planting. Read more at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/2021/10/pmc-update-20211028/>.

In other news...

Reminder: RCPP webinars

The Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington is offering **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

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>

From your Executive Director...

Reflection

My reflection this week is a thank you to all who participated in the six annual area association

meetings in October. I include several quotes in the piece, including this one:

"Your time is better spent championing good ideas than tearing down bad ones. The best thing that can happen to a bad idea is that it is forgotten. The best thing that can happen to a good idea is that it is shared. Feed the good ideas and let bad ideas die of starvation."

Read more at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/2021/10/six-area-association-meetings/>.

Weekly thought

Since our premier annual event begins on Tuesday, pausing to think about participation in such meetings seems timely. Consider this thought from Harry Stack Sullivan:

It may be possible through detachment, to gain knowledge that is 'useful;' but only through participation is it possible to gain the knowledge that is helpful.

Always yours for conservation,

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