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## 5 Things to Know for November 4, 2021

✓ Annual conference sessions are underway ✓

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### *In memoriam: David Johnson, Rock Lake Conservation District*

*September 27, 1956 - October 17, 2021*

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Dear weblinx,

#### 1. In memoriam: David Johnson, Rock Lake Conservation District

It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of Rock Lake Conservation District Supervisor **David Johnson**. David joined the RLCD board on May 21, 2015. David grew up on the farm in the Endicott area. He graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Agricultural Education.

Read David's obituary at <https://www.bruningfuneralhome.com/obituary/david-johnson> and perhaps get some solace from the lovely comments left by those who knew him well at <https://www.bruningfuneralhome.com/guestbook/david-johnson>. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

#### 2. The 2021 WACD Annual Conference is officially underway

As we craft this week's 5 Things newsletter for you, we are also making final preparations for the **second session** of [WACD's 2021 annual conference](#). Tonight we hear about conservation district election reform from WACD Past President Mark Craven and then committees meet to discuss resolutions.

Monday's session on diversity, equity, and inclusion in conservation went very well. The presenters were well received by 50 attendees and feedback has been positive. We recorded those presentations and will make them available to members at a later date.

Regarding the WACD Annual Business Meeting on November 30th, the **reservation deadline for rooms at the Hotel Murano has been extended from Tuesday, November 9th to Friday, November 12th**.

#### 3. Committees will review resolutions, then vote

Committees will meet tonight (November 4th) to get familiar with the resolutions adopted at area association meetings, all are welcome to come and ask questions or provide comments. Resolutions related to changes in WACD bylaws will be voted on tonight and sent to the WACD Board of Directors for their consideration at their regular meeting on November 15th. The committees will meet again on November 20th to vote on whether to recommend adoption of

the other resolutions.

The resolutions have been sequentially numbered in preparation for committee and member action. Find them at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/conference/#resolutions> along with an explanation of how the committee process works.

#### 4. Get to know our two new Area Directors

We're starting a new thing called **Get to Know!** We'd like you to get to know the 19 WACD board members who guide and govern your Association. We start with our two newest area directors, Marshall Stowe and Lisa Zaborac:

- [Get to Know: Marshall Stowe, Southwest Area Director](#)
- [Get to Know: Lisa Zaborac, Southwest Area Director](#)

#### 5. Plant Materials Center update

**Sales continue to amaze us!** We are astounded 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 picked up again. Read more at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/2021/11/pmc-update-20211104/>.

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### 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>

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## From your Executive Director...

### Reflection

My reflection this week contains the thoughts that emerged as I thought about David Johnson's passing and the legacy he leaves behind. This quote left in his guestbook by friends tells you much about David:

***"Thank you Dave, for your friendship, your dedication to students and your example as a farmer and leader."***

Read more: [Leaving a Legacy Through Kindness, Courage, and Conscience](#)

### Weekly thought

In keeping with the legacy theme, I'll close with a few quotes that I find thought-provoking:

***"Legacy is not leaving something for people. It's leaving something in people."*** — Peter Stroppe, business strategist

and

***"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."*** — William James

and

***"All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine."*** — Jim Rohn

Always yours for conservation,

Tom Salzer, Executive Director

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- [Friends of NACD](#) – Your contributions provide funding for technical assistance grants to conservation districts.
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