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5 Things to Know for December 2, 2021



[WACD Board officers sworn in on November 30, 2021](#)

Dear weblinx,

1. Association elects new leaders

Washington Association of Conservation Districts – At the close of the Washington Association of Conservation Districts' [2021 annual business meeting](#), a new slate of officers was elected and sworn into office:

- President: **Mike Mumford**, Pend Oreille Conservation District
- Vice President: **Amy McKay**, Whitman Conservation District
- Secretary: **Barbara Bailey**, Underwood Conservation District
- Treasurer: **David Fenn**, Lewis County Conservation District
- National Director: **Doug Rushton**, Thurston Conservation District
- Past President: **Jeanette Dorner**, Pierce Conservation District

We welcome Barbara Bailey as the new Secretary of the Association and thank Mark Craven for his many years of service to the Association. President Mumford has asked Past President Dorner to continue for a time as WACD's representative on the Washington State Conservation Commission.

We expect that an announcement from the Washington State Conservation Commission on their election of Chair and Vice Chair is imminent, so please watch your inbox for that information!

2. Complete the conference survey, maybe win a prize!

WACD asks for your participation in a post-conference survey so we can better improve the experience next year. As an incentive, WACD will select two survey submissions at random to receive a \$25 gift card. The survey is designed to be anonymous, this is a voluntary opt-in. Complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021WACDconference>.

Session recordings are available on the annual conference page under the Sessions tab: <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/conference/#sessions>

3. Reminder: Envirothon auction ends December 7th

Don't miss out on your chance to help support the Washington State Envirothon, the clock is ticking on the Envirothon auction. There are some wonderful items available in the auction. Find the auction at: <https://www.biddingowl.com/WashingtonStateEnvirothon>

4. Years of service

Each winter, WACD recognizes the service of the volunteers serving as Supervisors within our 45 conservation districts. We seek to honor their years of dedication and hard work with a service pin and a certificate as a small token of what they have given to their local district. Some of the longest-serving supervisors are:

- 40 years: Wade Troutman – Foster Creek CD
- 30 years: Mark Moore – Kittitas County CD
- 25 years: Doug Rushton – Thurston CD and Dirk Van Slageren – South Yakima CD
- 20 years: Andy Kroiss – Stevens County CD

[Please see our post on the Hub to view the complete list.](#)

5. Plant Materials Center update

Bareroot harvest has started at the WACD Plant Materials Center! Sales remain strong, but this also means that some plants are now sold out. The PMC is already preparing for spring. [Read more...](#)

In other news...

Don't be shy: [Get to Know](#) needs your profile

We'd like to create more connection and understanding between folks in our conservation community, and one way to accomplish that is learning about people in our conservation delivery system. We invite the submission of profiles (with a photo or two) from anyone in our community. See the first Get to Know profiles at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/tag/gettoknow/> or hit the [Profiles category](#) to see more profiles.

From your Executive Director...

Reflection

This week has been one of the most exhausting — but exhilarating — times in our work year. We will wrap up the final list of resolutions and the resolution language as adopted very soon. On behalf of the entire WACD team, I appreciate the grace extended to us by in-person and online attendees during WACD's annual conference sessions and WACD's annual business meeting. I am also very grateful to our partners and sponsors for helping us deliver good

content to our Association members this year.

As we write this Five Things newsletter, we are simultaneously attending the Washington State Conservation Commission's regular meeting and responding to numerous emails, phone calls, and texts. It will take us a while to get caught up!

Weekly thought

Mark Twain summarizes a fundamental characteristic of conservation districts that has contributed to successful conservation district projects time and time again:

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret to getting started is breaking your overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one."

Feeling thankful,

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- [Friends of NACD](#) – Your contributions provide funding for technical assistance grants to conservation districts.
- [Washington Conservation Society](#) – WCS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization so your contributions are tax-deductible. If you make purchases through Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases goes to WCS in support of their programs and initiatives.

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Many thanks to our generous sponsors for helping us support Washington State's conservation districts. We will be updating our sponsor list in December! Until then, find sponsors on the Conference page: <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2021meetings/conference/#sponsors>



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