



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

5 Things to Know for May 5, 2022

Summer schedule for the Five Things

Today's edition is the last of the regular weekly newsletters until September.

For May through August, we'll publish on the first and third Thursdays of the month. If something urgent and important comes up that can't wait, we may publish a special edition during an "off" week. We will resume the regular weekly schedule in September.

When is the next regular issue scheduled? Thursday, May 19th.

Dear Thomas,

1 – WACD and WSCC meetings in two weeks

The WACD Board of Directors will hold a work session on May 16th at 6:00 pm. Meeting information will be posted at <https://wadistricts.org/board-of-directors> soon.

The Conservation Commission will meet on May 19th, with a field tour and strategic planning session on May 17-18. Learn more at <https://www.scc.wa.gov/commission-meetings>.

2 – Email System Changeover is Complete

Folks with an @conservewa.net or @wadistrict.net email account are now sending and receiving through WACD's contracted mail service. Mail volume was higher than we expected so we upgraded to the highest level plan, raising the caps on sending and receiving.

Along the way, we found out that some people had not downloaded their old email archive from Google before we connected to the new system. (Thank you to [Susan Shelton](#) of the Thurston CD for helping us find this solution!) If you are one of those folks, please read <https://hub.wadistricts.org/district-email/#forgot>.

3 – WACD Committee Rosters Updated

WACD staff did some work to simplify and update the rosters for WACD committees, work groups, and task forces. These are divided into three categories on the Committees page: standing committees, temporary committees and groups, and inactive committees and groups. The Committees page is formatted to provide a more compact view to help you find the group

you are looking for. See the Committees page at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/wacd/committees/>.

4 – David Iyall is the new Southwest Area Director

Please join us in welcoming [Thurston Conservation District supervisor David Iyall](#) as the newest Area Director for the Southwest Area Association of Conservation Districts. David was elected on April 27th by the Southwest Area Executive Committee. He is a member of the Nisqually Indian Tribe where he currently works as the Construction Project Manager and dives for geoducks as part of Nisqually Fisheries. Area Directors are listed on the [Board of Directors page](#) and the [Directors page](#).

5 – Plant Materials Center Update

The 2021-22 sales season was one for the record books. The season started with a projected sales budget goal of \$1,209,000 and finished with actual sales at \$1,559,025. This week's update also features a listing of the PMC team! [Read more...](#)

Recent Posts on the Hub

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- [Plant Materials Center update: April 21, 2022](#)
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- [2022 Legislative Filing Preview](#)

See the full list of Recent Posts at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/posts/>. Many news articles that mention Washington State conservation districts are [shared on Flipboard](#). In the [WACD Reading List](#) we capture many articles of interest to segments of our community.

From your Executive Director

Summer is almost upon us and fieldwork has already started for many projects. This year, the field season promises to be particularly busy! In recognition of the amount of activity going on by board supervisors and district staff, some conservation districts hold fewer meetings in the summer. This is one factor that went into our decision to reduce the frequency of this Five Things newsletter over the summer season.

What does WACD staff do in the summer? From all outward appearances, you might think the

answer is: not much! However, summer for WACD is almost as busy as our peak months in fall and winter. We remain quite busy during the summer months:

- **Coordinating committees, work groups, and task forces.** This year, we have more such groups than ever, and some have hard deadlines for their work.
- **Focusing on actions required by resolutions.** During the legislative session, WACD staff do not have time to devote to implementing resolutions recently adopted by members. Summer is when we can invest time and energy on resolutions.
- **Developing legislative strategies for the 2023 session.** Tom and Ryan have already been meeting with some partners and with our lobbyist to open conversations about how to approach the next legislative session.
- **Assisting conservation districts as they prepare to host area association meetings.** With six unique areas covering the state and a new host district every year, this work is often a big lift for us.
- **Planning WACD's annual conference and business meeting.** This has been difficult work the last two years because of COVID-related restrictions. This year, we expect to return to in-person sessions. We do expect to also provide virtual participation. The meeting place for this after-Thanksgiving annual event has not yet been selected.

Much of WACD's service work seems to occur behind the scenes during the summer months. WACD is a service organization, and in that context, here are three quotations for you:

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' – Martin Luther King, Jr.

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal. – Albert Pine

Service doesn't have to be big and grandiose to be meaningful and make a difference. – Cheryl A. Esplin

Yours in conservation,

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