



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

5 Things to Know for September 22, 2022

This year marks WACD's 80th anniversary, a remarkable achievement by our conservation community. The draft annual conference page is available at:

<https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2022meetings/conference/>

Dear Thomas,

This edition comes to you on September 23rd rather than on the scheduled publication date of September 22nd. WACD staff attended/assisted the Washington State Conservation Commission meeting on the 22nd, preventing us from finalizing this edition of the Five Things that day.

1 – WACD Board meeting outcomes

The [WACD Board of Directors met](#) on Monday, September 19th. The Board received a great presentation from Palouse CD's Executive Director, Jennifer Boie, as part of the Board's rotating Area Focus.

Treasurer Dave Fenn provided a regular financial update and also covered an end-of-year financial report. The Board heard that 36 of 45 conservation districts have paid WACD dues this year. (Reminder: dues must be paid before WACD's Annual Meeting convenes on November 30th if your supervisors wish to vote on resolutions or run for leadership positions.)

WADE President Cindy Pierce asked WACD for \$5,000 in financial support for Envirothon and the Board approved this request.

Area Association meetings were covered and a key topic was the WACD wildlife awards. These awards are reinstated by action of the Board. Thank you to those conservation districts that provided important feedback on this topic.

The WACD annual conference and business meeting were discussed. The Board approved the purchase of branded items recognizing WACD's 80th anniversary to give to attendees.

Correspondence received from conservation districts was discussed.

2 – Did you catch the DOH rules on animal waste?

The Washington State Board of Health recently adopted [rules revising WAC 246-203-130](#), Keeping of Animals. The revision changes the rule title to Domestic Animal Waste. The rules go into effect on October 16, 2022.

This revised section of the General Sanitation rules, chapter 246-203 WAC, establishes minimum standards to help prevent, control, and abate health hazards and nuisance associated with the handling and disposal of domestic animal waste. This includes waste from livestock animals such as horses and cattle, and waste from non-livestock animals such as dogs and cats.

The [concise explanatory statement](#) summarizes the differences between the proposed rules and adopted rules and responses to public comments. The rules include standards to:

- Avoid unsanitary accumulations of waste in containment areas where animals are held or housed for a period of time;
- Prevent contamination of other people's property, drinking water sources, and surface water bodies with potential to affect human health;
- Promote safe handling and disposal of non-livestock waste; and
- Promote safe stockpiling of livestock waste.

For more information regarding this rulemaking, please visit the Board's [Domestic Animal Waste rulemaking web page](#) or contact Board staff at stuart.glasoe@sboh.wa.gov.

3 – Area meetings: the final schedule

The schedule for area association meetings is set. We hope to have at least one WACD officer at every meeting. WACD staff will be present at each meeting. Find the schedule at:

<https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2022meetings/areas/#dates>

- Tuesday, October 11th – Coupeville – NW Area Meeting hosted by Whidbey Island CD
- Wednesday, October 12th – Chehalis – SW Area Meeting hosted by Lewis CD
- Wednesday, October 19th – Waterville – NC Area Meeting hosted by South Douglas CD
- Thursday, October 20th – Davenport – NE Area Meeting hosted by Lincoln County CD
- Friday, October 21st – Clarkston – SE Area Meeting hosted by Asotin County CD
- Thursday, October 27th – White Salmon – SC Area Meeting hosted by Underwood CD

4 – Resolution template and primer available

To aid conservation districts as they craft resolutions for area association meetings, WACD Director of Legislative and Member Services Ryan Baye has updated the resolution template and resolution primer.

Resolutions should use a standard template [available in Word format](#). The standard template helps make sure that necessary information is available to all who read the proposal. For those not familiar with the resolution process, please refer to this [resolution primer](#). WACD staff is also available to answer any resolution questions or assist with crafting proposals.

September is the time to be working on resolutions to take to your area association meeting

in October.

5 – WACD Plant Materials Center

The PMC update this week is brief as Jim Brown, Director of Nursery Operations, has been (and will be) busy meeting with other growers. One item of note is the photos that Jim shared this week. Sometimes we forget that some of our native plant species are also beautiful in their own right! The photos that Jim shares every week show how the PMC grounds are in a continual state of change. [Learn more in the PMC update.](#)

Washington Conservation Society

Environmental Education Mini-grants

A key goal of the Washington Conservation Society (WCS) is to support educational opportunities for youth by sponsoring environmental/conservation education programs in Washington State. To that end, the WCS will set aside an annual contribution, the amount to be determined by the WCS Board of Directors, which will be utilized to provide grants to members to assist in funding environmental/conservation education programs for youth as the first priority for funding. [Applications are accepted until November 1st.](#)

Leaving a Legacy Program

Each year, WCS publishes Leaving a Legacy, a memorial and celebratory book of conservationists who have made a notable impact on the natural resources in Washington State. Inductees include past and present Supervisors, district volunteers, and agency partners. The book includes photos and biographical information. More information about the program and a digital copy of [the book can be found on the WCS website.](#)

If you are aware of a past conservation district supervisor or employee who has passed, please reach out to the WCS folks so that they can seek information for the Leaving a Legacy book.

Become a Member

The goals of the WCS are to support conservation activities, natural resource education programs, and to recognize and honor individuals who exemplify the ethic and practice of sound conservation principles. Your membership directly supports WCS's Environmental Education Mini-grant Program. [Become a member today.](#)

Recent Posts on the Hub

- [We Are in Period of Transformation](#)
- [Plant Materials Center update: September 22, 2022](#)
- [Plant Materials Center update: September 15, 2022](#)
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- [NACD Hiring Pacific Region Representative](#)
- [Communications and Marketing Specialist - Snohomish CD](#)
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- [Jobs: Stewardship Forester — Clark CD](#)

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

Announcing the WACD DEI Resources page

I wrote an [Executive Corner column](#) that ranges across a variety of topics that eventually lead to announcing the new [WACD DEI Resources page](#) on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Rather than reprise that column here, it is linked above should you wish to read it. If not, please consider jumping straight to the DEI Resources page, also linked above.

Please know that WACD is not trying to force anyone to drink from the DEI fire hose. While we believe that the DEI Resources page provides good value for our members, learning about diversity, equity, and inclusion can be a difficult journey. Every person who chooses to travel this road will do so at their own pace.

Yours in conservation,

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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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