



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

5 Things to Know for November 23, 2022

This Thanksgiving edition of the Five Things features *four* things, not five! We wish everyone in the conservation community a restful, thankful holiday and look forward to seeing you next week in Wenatchee!



Dear Thomas,

Five days until our members and partners come together in Wenatchee for a few days of learning and collaborating. Monday and Tuesday represent the learning and social prelude to the Association's annual business meeting. The decisions reached on conservation district resolutions at the business meeting establish priorities for WACD. Voters decide how WACD

should invest its time and talent on behalf of conservation districts.

It is also fall, a time when snow falls in our mountain passes. While snowfall is something that road crews in the passes and in eastern Washington are familiar with, you may be uncomfortable driving in snowy conditions. We recommend that you review pass reports, start your journey early, bring some extra water, food, and blankets, and carry tire chains. Meanwhile, road crews will be working to provide the safest possible driving conditions for you. Take your time, be careful, and enjoy the incredible scenery along the way!

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Is Everyone's Business

1 – WACD annual conference update (November 28 & 29)

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday!

- **More updates are posted.** If you are typing the link, use the short link (<https://hub.wadistricts.org/conference>), otherwise the full link is a bit faster: <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2022meetings/conference/>. WACD will be working over the weekend to ensure by Sunday all the information is available there to our attendees.
- **Get to know speakers.** You'll get more out of the sessions if you know more about our featured speakers and presenters. Find them on the Speakers tab.

- **Check out our sponsors.** Support from our sponsors offsets some costs of the conference, allowing more people to participate. They provide welcome information and the conference is a great time to have an in-person conversation with them.
- **Partner reports are available.** WACD's partners are key members of our conservation community. We encourage you to review their posted reports.
- **Tuesday evening is the Envirothon auction!** This year's [Envirothon Auction](#) is back in person and Washington State Envirothon (WSE) needs your support. The auction will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

2 – Legislative priorities (preliminary)

At the [November 21 WACD Board of Directors meeting](#), the Board voted to adopt a set of [preliminary legislative priorities](#) to guide WACD's work in the 2023 session based on WACD's current policy positions. The priorities suggested were modified at the meeting to include supporting Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants that conservation districts receive. These priorities are subject to change after resolutions are presented and decided by WACD voters next Wednesday. Priority topics are listed below and details are available in the Board meeting folder linked above. Feedback on these priorities is welcome, whether by districts or individuals; please [contact Ryan Baye](#).

3 – Legislative Day is set for February 8

WACD will hold a Legislative Day on February 8 in Olympia to help conservation districts connect with legislators. If your district is interested in coming to Olympia and require assistance scheduling appointments with legislators, [Register online](#) by January 6 or [contact Ryan Baye](#). Expect more information during December after the Annual Conference.

4 – Bylaws changes proposed

Four changes to WACD's bylaws will be presented to WACD voters at the annual business meeting on Wednesday, November 30. These four changes are presented in more detail at: <https://hub.wadistricts.org/2022/11/proposed-2022-wacd-bylaw-changes/>

Changes to bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of voters at the meeting.

5 – Happy Thanksgiving

No #5 today! Happy Thanksgiving!

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- [Proposed 2022 WACD Bylaw Changes](#)
- [Preliminary 2023 WACD Legislative Priorities](#)
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From your Executive Director

This is Thanksgiving week and WACD staff are rushing to complete final preparations for the WACD annual conference and business meeting next week in Wenatchee.

We hope to see you at the conference and business meeting, either in person or on Zoom.

We also hope that you'll be able to have time to reflect on how many things we have to be thankful for. It can be hard to remember our blessings when we are so busy in our conservation work, but pausing for a moment to see your own good work and to celebrate it is time well spent!

Always yours in conservation,

Tom Salzer, Executive Director
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