



# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

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**5 Things to Know for December 8, 2022**

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# Is Everyone's Business

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**Dear Thomas,**

After every Annual Meeting, WACD staff take time off to rest and recover after the exhilarating experience. This year was no exception and your patience is appreciated as our batteries

recharge. This is a shorter 5 Things newsletter, but still jam-packed with all the outcomes from the Annual Business Meeting you might have missed.

## 1 – Adopted Resolutions

All the resolutions proposed by member-districts this year were adopted at the 2022 Annual Business meeting. The action statement for each of the eleven resolutions will be incorporated into WACD's active resolution, and now stand as a policy priority or association position statement for the next five years.

You can view the [2022 adopted resolutions](#), as well as the other resolutions apart of WACD's 2023 active policies, on the [Resolution's page](#) on the WACD Hub.

## 2 – WACD & WSCC Elections

The Annual Meeting last week saw two series of elections - for WACD's President and Vice-President and the Conservation Commission's Western Regional Commissioner.

For WACD, President Mike Mumford (Pend Oreille) and Vice President Amy McKay (Whitman) were re-elected to their respective positions. They will serve until the 2024 Annual Conference, under a bylaw change made at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting making those two positions two-year terms. In the Commission's election, Dean Longrie (Clark) was also re-elected to his position of Western Regional Commissioner for another three-year term.

Thank you to all the supervisors who voted in these elections.

## 3 – Supervisor Years of Service Milestones

One of WACD's Annual Meeting traditions is honoring the major milestones for the supervisors who've served their communities. This year, we have twenty-nine supervisors to recognize, celebrating anywhere from five years to forty years of service for Ron Juris with Eastern Klickitat CD.

You can view the full list on the [WACD Hub](#).

## 4 – WACD Bylaw Changes

Amending the WACD Bylaws can only occur during the Annual Business Meeting, requiring a two-thirds vote of the members present to be enshrined. Three such proposals from the WACD Board were ratified in Wenatchee:

- Updating the name of the Columbia Basin Conservation District
- Creating a permanent Livestock Committee
- Disbanding the PMC Sub-Committee

An additional bylaw proposal was discussed at your local area meeting, that of making district employees eligible to serve in one of the two area director positions each area association selects to represent them among the WACD Board of Directors. That item did not meet the voting threshold for adoption, but there was good discussion by all those involved.

## 5 – WACD Conference Survey

By the end of each conference, WACD staff and board members are already thinking ahead to next year to make it even better. To that end, WACD puts out a [post-conference survey](#) for those who did, and did not, attend so we can continually improve on the experience.

We know how much of an ask it is to take time away from your job and your family, and WACD cherishes that gift of your very limited time and money to spend with your fellow conservation district supervisors, staff, and partners.

Thank you to the thirty-one people who already completed the survey. For everyone else, if you are able, please give us your anonymous feedback by following [this link](#). For those who did attend this year either in-person or online, we want to know where we can improve your conference experience. For those who did not attend, we want to know what we can offer to make it a more attractive option.

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- [Plant Materials Center update: December 15, 2022](#)
- [NACD seeks Soil Health Champions, offers scholarships to NACD annual meeting](#)
- [WeedWise Specialist and CWMA Coordinator Position Announcement](#)
- [Honoring 2022 Supervisor Years of Service Milestones](#)
- [RMA Roadshow Series: December 13th](#)
- [WSU: Least-Conflict Solar Siting](#)

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