



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

5 Things to Know for January 19, 2023

Dear Thomas,

We are tracking legislation for you

Keeping track of legislation that might impact conservation districts, and doing so within the context of the past five years of WACD resolutions, is not easy work. The State Conservation Commission also tracks legislation and their tracking includes bills that affect how they function as a state agency. WACD and SCC compare notes weekly during legislative session so that we can present a unified voice whenever possible.

WACD publishes our tracking list in the form of the [Watch List](#). We update the list every day to help you stay on top of bills of interest to conservation districts. We invite you to visit the Watch List, particularly if you are interested in particular bills.

WACD Executive Office staff remain available to answer your questions. Despite this very busy season for us, please do reach out to us at oly@wacd.org and we will get back to you as quickly as we can.

Always yours for conservation,

Tom Salzer, Executive Director

Five Things to Know

1 – WACD Board meeting on Monday evening

While the State Conservation Commission is meeting today in Renton (King Conservation District), the WACD Board of Directors will meet virtually at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 23rd. The [draft agenda](#) includes a link to [meeting materials](#). While originally envisioned as a work session, this will be a regular meeting because the Board will be acting on some items.

This month, the [Northwest Area conservation districts](#) are invited to provide an area focus. The Board will also be deciding on WACD's [legislative priorities](#). If you have comments or concerns,

please send them to us at oly@wacd.org.

2 – WACD Legislative Day details

WACD will hold a Legislative Day on February 8 in Olympia to help conservation districts connect with legislators.

- Date: February 8, 2023
- Location: [Ramada Inn, Lacey, WA](#)
- Time: 8:00 am (waiting on confirmation from hotel)

Participants will enjoy an interactive briefing during breakfast. The Ramada tells us they can provide government rate rooms for the night of February 7th and we have reserved a block of ten rooms. We are waiting on written confirmation from the Ramada but expect to finalize this arrangement within a few days.

3 – WACD testimony since January 9

You can see our posts about bills under the [Advocacy topic on the WACD Hub](#). WACD has provided testimony on six bills so far:

- [OTHER on HB 1215](#) (riparian areas)
- [OTHER on HB 1166](#) (water trading program)
- [PRO on HB 1140](#) (operating budget appropriations)
- [PRO on HB 1147](#) (capital budget appropriations)
- [PRO on SB 5187](#) (operating budget appropriations)
- [PRO on SB 5200](#) (capital budget appropriations)

WACD's Legislative Watch List is maintained daily and presents the entire list of bills we are tracking.

4 – NACD annual meeting registration deadline is Friday!

From NACD, you can save \$80 on registration if you register by Friday, January 20:

Time is running out to register to attend NACD's 77th Annual Meeting! Join us in New Orleans next month to explore a theme of "Local Resiliency, National Community." Through networking opportunities, guest speakers, interactive sessions, and thought provoking panels, we will examine how conservation is built by local resiliency and locally-led initiatives, and strengthened through national community with partnerships and collaboration.

Register now for the NACD 2023 Annual Meeting to save up to \$80 as compared to on-site registration costs. This discounted rate now ends Friday, Jan 20, so act now!

Hosted in partnership with the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts, the 2023 Annual Meeting will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from February 11-15 at the New Orleans Marriot. Hotel reservations must be made by January 20, 2023.

NACD's Annual Meeting is the biggest event of the year and brings hundreds of conservation

leaders from across the nation together. The Annual Meeting agenda includes a full NACD board meeting and is packed with opportunities for attendees to network and hear from a variety of conservation speakers. [Visit NACD's Annual Meeting webpage](#) to learn more about some of the exciting breakout sessions and speakers that will be featured at the upcoming meeting!

5 – WACD Plant Materials Center on track for new records!

[Read the latest update from Jim Brown](#), the WACD Director of Nursery Operations. As always, his update is full of great information about the Plant Materials Center.

More things...

- [Sign-up for WACD Legislative updates](#) | [See 2023 newsletters](#)
- Now available on the OFM website: [Riparian Taskforce Final Report: Facilitation Process and Recommendations](#) (PDF)
- WACD's [2023 Legislative priorities](#) (not yet updated with resolutions adopted in 2022)
- There are plenty of interesting links in the [WACD Reading List](#)

Recent Posts on the Hub

- [Plant Materials Center update: January 19, 2023](#)
- [WACD Testimony on HB 1215 on Riparian Areas](#)
- [WACD is OTHER on HB 1166](#)
- [Week 1 General Legislative Review](#)
- [WACD testimony on SB 5200 concerning the capital budget](#)
- [WACD testimony on HB 1147 concerning the capital budget](#)

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.

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