



5 Things to Know for March 30, 2023

Dear Thomas,

The Conservation Commission released [their summary](#) at noon today of the House and Senate proposals for the FY23-25 Operating and Capital Budgets. We encourage you to look at their excellent breakdown, turning several thousand pages of budget language into an understandable document. These proposals will serve as the basis for negotiations of what will ultimately fund the state government through June 30, 2025.

THE FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

1 – WACD Reaction to Budget

The Commission's financial staff did a great job of detailing both the scale and the complexity of new funds the House and the Senate propose to dedicate to the Conservation Commission and conservation districts. It is a serious possibility the Commission becomes a \$100 million agency in FY24, a stupendous idea to conceive. WACD staff are ecstatic to see these figures, but it also means new challenges if this becomes reality. We are slowly wrapping our heads around this and must acknowledge there is a level of trepidation similar to when the \$10 million for riparian projects was in last year's supplemental budget.

2 – Preliminary Budget Reconciliation Priorities

The complexity of the proposed Operating and Capital budgets, with different programs being funded from different sources (general budget, state bonds, Model Toxics Control Act, and Climate Commitment Act) means WACD is still piecing together an "ideal budget" we wish to see as a final product. WACD's reconciliation priorities will be ready on Monday, April 3rd for anyone looking for draft language when writing to your legislators. At first glance though, there are two initial priorities:

- WACD seeks the \$10 million for Conservation Technical Assistance listed in the Senate's Operating Budget to be funded on an ongoing basis and not in one-time funding.
- WACD believes the \$40 million in the Senate's Operating Budget for riparian restoration projects would better serve Washington State by being in the Capital Budget so project implementation is not limited to the next two years.

3 – District Employee's Conference Open for Registration

Registrations and scholarships are now open for the 2023 WADE Training Conference. The conference will once again be at the Sleeping Lady in Leavenworth on June 12-14, 2023 with an option for virtual participation. Early registration ends April 21st, so [please visit their conference webpage soon](#) to register, salivate over the excellent draft schedule, and apply for scholarships.

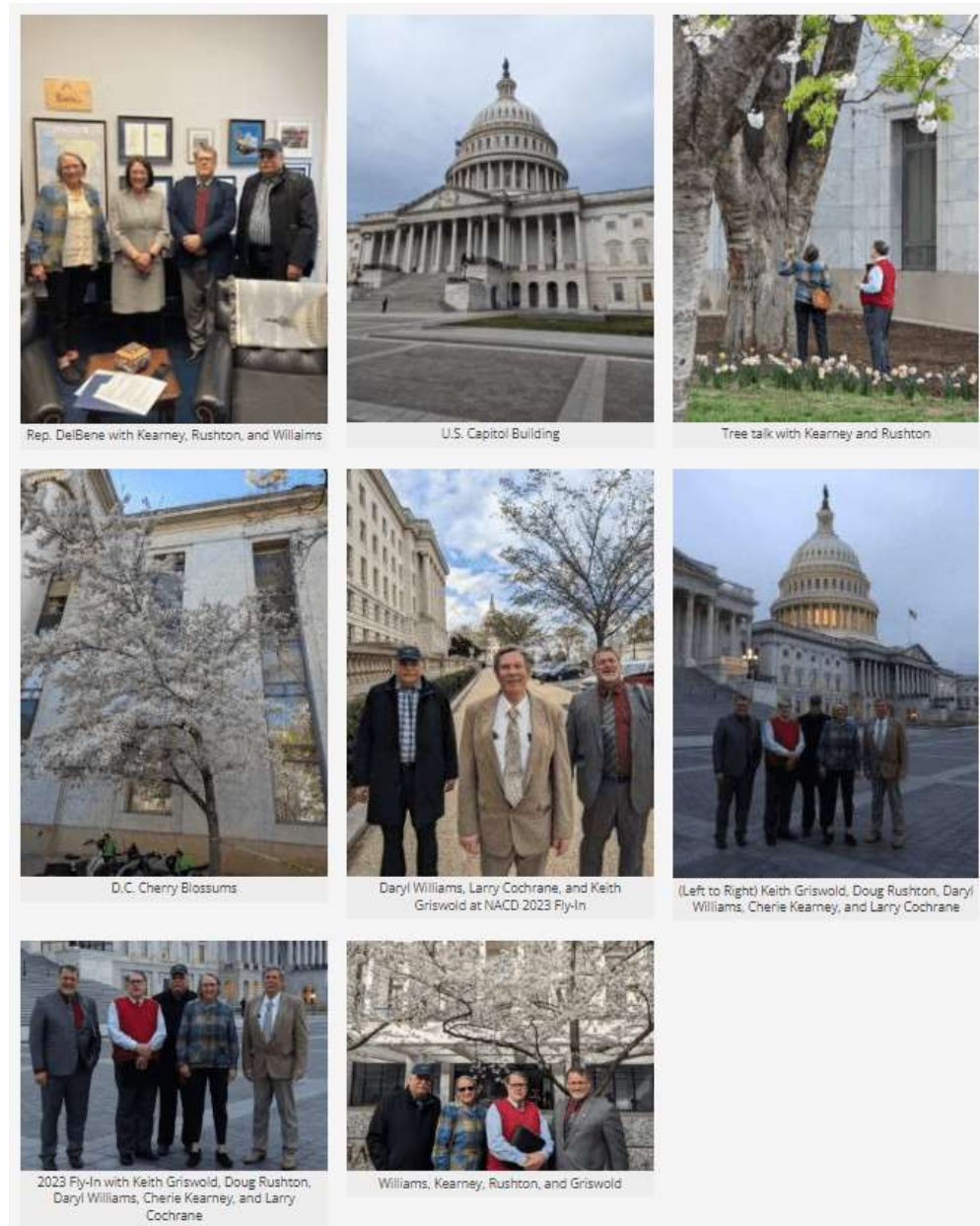
4 – PMC Update for March 30

As of today, sales stood at \$1,683,844. That is 119% of the annual sales revenue budget. The PMC has also shipped 1,704,373 plants of the 1,792,229 plants sold this year so far. Many kudos to the staff for their hard work and dedication to making that happen! You can read Jim

Brown's full report and view photos of their transplanting work [on the WACD Hub](#).

5 – NACD Fly-In Photos

Click the photo to [jump to the Hub](#) where we have higher-resolution images for you to see!



WACD Held a Special Meeting

The WACD Board of Directors held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 29th for the purpose of granting a one-time authorization to Executive Director Salzer to purchase certificates of deposit. With the recent financial volatility, President Mumford believed keeping WACD within FDIC insurance limits rose to the level of calling a special meeting. The Board of Directors voted to purchase three certificates and adjourned after 11 minutes of discussion and deliberation. Ryan Baye is researching if this was the shortest WACD Board Meeting in the 21st Century!

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