



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for August 3, 2023

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

1 – Heather Wendt Starts as Director of Development & Engagement

Heather Wendt officially started with WACD on Tuesday in the newly created Director of Development & Engagement position. As she settles into her new position, you can reach out to her at heather@wadistricts.org. More contact information for Heather will be available soon.



Welcome aboard Heather!

2 – Award Opportunities

Each year, WACD seeks to recognize the best and brightest in our community. We are looking for nominations in eleven different categories, ranging from Associate Supervisors to local co-operators. Applications shouldn't take no more than a few minutes of your time. The [2023 nomination forms](#) are now available on the WACD HUB. Additionally, NACD is seeking applications for their [Hugh Hammond Bennett Award](#) for Conservation Excellence to honor one conservation planner and one producer from across the country.

3 – WSCC Executive Director Search Committee

Thank you to the ten members of the WSCC Search Committee for agreeing to serve. WACD President Mike Mumford, alongside Daryl Williams, Larry Cochrane, Perry Beale, and Brook Beeler are the five commissioners working with five district representatives. Those five individuals are Linda Lyshall (Snohomish CD), Renee Hadley (Walla Walla County CD), Bob Gilby (Kitsap CD), Mike Nordin (Pacific/Grays Harbor CD), and Michael Crowder (Benton CD & NACD Past President).

4 – Air Quality Grant Opportunity

The Department of Ecology is current accepting applications for its 2023-2025 Air Quality Prevent Nonattainment grants. These grants provide funding for locally-led projects designed to reduce air pollutants to national air quality standards in Washington. The total statewide grant budget for this biennium is \$2 million. The application period is August 2 - September 1, 2023. For more information, visit [Ecology's Prevent Nonattainment Grants webpage](#).

5 – August 3rd, 2023 PMC Update

As the summer progresses, your WACD Plant Materials Center is focused on production and propagation. Jim Brown reports on a successful fiscal year 2023, the immense volume of orders already submitted for 2024 harvest, and the nursery staff's efforts around seed collection in [his PMC Update](#) now posted on the WACD Hub.

Upcoming

2023

- **August 23-25:** [NACD Pacific and Southwest Region meeting — South Lake Tahoe, CA](#)
- **September 18:** [WACD Board of Directors meeting](#) — online
- **September 20-21:** [State Conservation Commission tour and meeting — Clarkston, WA](#)
- **November 27-29:** WACD Annual Conference and Business Meeting — Wenatchee, WA
- **November 30:** [State Conservation Commission meeting — Wenatchee, WA](#)

2024

- **February 10-14:** [NACD 78th annual meeting — San Diego, California](#)

Ron's Celebration of Life

A memorial will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at the Calvary Chapel Church in Olympia located at 919 Division St. NW, Olympia, WA 98502. Additional information is available in the [full invitation](#). An online viewing option will be available at the [YouTube page for the Calvary Chapel Church](#). Also available is [Ron's obituary](#), for anyone interested in learning more about his life.



Recent Posts on the Hub

- [2023 WACD Award Nominations now Open](#)
- [Plant Materials Center Update – August 3, 2023](#)
- [JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - Grants and Contracts Coordinator](#)
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- [Washington State Legislative & Elections Update – July 19, 2023](#)

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