



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for September 14, 2023

1 – Welcome NW Area Director David Vliet

Please extend a welcome to David Vliet. David joins the WACD Board of Directors as a newly elected Area Director for the Northwest Area Association of Conservation Districts. David is a member of the [Kitsap Conservation District](#) Board of Supervisors and joins NW Area Director Alan Chapman ([Whatcom Conservation District](#)) in this work.

2 – Area Association Meetings

Reminder: Area Association meetings are coming up soon! Details are available on the [Hub](#):

- Wednesday, **October 4** – NW Area Association meeting hosted by the [Clallam CD](#)
- Monday, **October 16** – SW Area Association meeting hosted by the [Pacific CD](#)
- Wednesday, **October 18** – NE Area Association meeting hosted by the [Pend Oreille CD](#)
- Thursday, **October 19** – NC Area Association meeting hosted by the [Adams CD](#)
- Tuesday, **October 24** – SC Area Association meeting hosted by the [Benton CD](#)
- Thursday, **October 26** – SE Area Association meeting hosted by the [Whitman CD](#)

3 – WACD Award Nominations DUE October 27th

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 should take no more than a few minutes of your time. The [2023 nomination forms](#) are now available on the WACD Hub.

4 – Grant Funding Opportunities Newsletter - 9/11/23

Greetings! The second installment of our Grant Funding Opportunities Newsletter is now [available](#). This newsletter is brought to you by WACD in partnership with the [Washington Conservation Society](#). In this edition, we are featuring funding opportunities from Weyerhaeuser, Alliance for Green Heat, and more. Subscribe to future newsletters [here](#)!

5 – Upcoming Meetings of Interest

The next WACD Board of Directors meeting will take place on Monday, September 18th at 6 pm via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Jon Wyss, FSA Washington State Director, plans to be in attendance and will provide an update on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The meeting agenda and connection details can be found [here](#).

The next WSCC business meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21st at the Best Western Plus in Clarkston, WA. Asotin County CD (ACCD) will be hosting a tour and interactive dinner the day prior. The meeting agenda, tour invite, and other meeting details can be found [here](#).



Support Washington State Envirothon

at WACD's 2023 Annual Meeting Auction

November 28th, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

All proceeds will support the
WA State Envirothon team
on their road to Nationals.



For more details or to make a donation please contact Chloe Steffes at chloe.steffes@kingcd.org

Upcoming Events

2023

- **September 18:** [WACD Board of Directors meeting](#) – online
- **September 20-21:** [State Conservation Commission tour and meeting](#) – Clarkston, WA
- **October 4:** [NW Area Association meeting](#), hosted by Clallam CD
- **October 16:** SW Area Association meeting, hosted by Pacific CD
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- **October 26:** [SE Area Association meeting](#), hosted by Whitman CD
- **November 27-29:** [WACD Annual Conference and Business Meeting](#) — Wenatchee, WA
- **November 30:** [State Conservation Commission meeting – Wenatchee, WA](#)

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

Executive Corner

This week, the Executive Corner is a catch-all for several topics.

Two resolutions received

Area Association meetings are just around the corner. Generally speaking, proposed resolutions should be sent out to the folks who will be attending your area meeting. WACD has received two proposed resolutions for the SE Area Association meeting and both are interesting. You can find these resolutions on the Area Association meetings page on the WACD Hub under the "Resolutions" tab:

- Communication about Fire Breaks in CRP
- Reduce WACD Board Size

Stay tuned to the Resolutions tab. As WACD receives other resolutions they will be posted in that space.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

If you are interested in the status of CREP contracts in Washington State, you should attend the WACD Board of Directors meeting on Monday evening, September 18. We will have FSA State Executive Director Jon Wyss on hand to brief the Board. We have some documents posted in the [online meeting folder](#) that provide additional background.

WACD Annual Conference

WACD staff are hard at work preparing for the WACD annual conference. Additional content will be posted on the [conference and business meeting web page](#) over the next few weeks.

Heather Wendt (WACD Director of Development and Engagement) has picked up the work of seeking [sponsors for the conference](#). The more sponsors we can find, the lower the cost for members and partners to attend. If you know of local companies that support conservation, reach out to Heather to see if a sponsorship might be mutually beneficial.

I wish we could get an incredible keynote speaker like [James Clear](#). I have his book, Atomic Habits, in hardback and on Audible. It communicates great information and from all accounts, Clear is a very good speaker.

A Plug for PMC Plants

The WACD Plant Materials Center now provides plant availability online. It's easy to see that information and use it during ordering. Jump to the [WACD PMC webpage](#) to get started. Remember, when you utilize your WACD PMC for native plants, WACD can hold down member dues and provide more services to members. When you buy from the PMC, you benefit your own district!

Always yours for conservation,
Tom Salzer

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- [Fighting fire with Firewise: Columbia River Gorge towns push for more wildfire safety practices \(Underwood CD\)](#)
- [Washington State Legislative & Elections Update – August 24](#)

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