



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for October 12, 2023



1 – Sponsor Spotlight

Meet one of our 2023 Leader Level Annual Meeting Sponsors: **ENVU**.

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Learn more at <https://www.us.envu.com/>

We invite you to look at the array of sponsors for the 2023 WACD Annual Conference at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2023meetings/conference/#sponsors>. More sponsors are needed! Sponsors help us provide a better conference. Please [contact WACD](#) if you have ideas for sponsors. Note: individuals can also be a sponsor at any level!

2 – WACD Annual Conference Information

Register and Make Hotel Reservations Now!

We are only a month and a half away from our Annual Conference! **You can register [here](#)**. Reserve your lodging accommodations using one of the methods below.

The Annual Conference and Business Meeting will also have a virtual participation component so that those unable to travel to Wenatchee can still participate. **Please register for virtual participation [here](#)**.

You can make hotel reservations at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel. Rooms are available at the government per diem rate of \$107/night - November 26 - 29, 2023). **THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS NOVEMBER 8TH.**

You can reserve a room in three ways:

1. Call the hotel directly at [509-662-1234](tel:509-662-1234) and indicate you are booking with the Washington Association of Conservation Districts.
2. Call the hotel's toll-free line at [800-716-6199](tel:800-716-6199) and ask for the Washington Association of Conservation Districts conference to book the room.
3. Reserve online at [Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel](#).

We look forward to seeing you in Wenatchee!

Awards nominations reminder!

Awards nominations are 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.

3 – Area Association Meetings Are Underway!

Area Association meetings are underway, details are available on the [Hub](#):

- 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](#)

As of today (October 12) we have received 18 resolutions for various area association meetings. The Northwest Area Association met last week and adopted three resolutions. Find them at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2023meetings/areas/#resolutions>

4 – WACD Board Work Session October 16th

The WACD Board will hold a Work Session on October 16th starting at 6 pm. No business shall be conducted at this meeting, it is solely for board member discussion and information sharing. Connection information and a current raft agenda can be found here: <https://wadistricts.org/board-of-directors>.

5 – Its all about the Pie!

On October 7th Thurston Conservation District kicked off their 75th anniversary celebration with a Harvest Festival. The Festival included: cider pressing, soil test drop-off and information booth, native bulb and seed sale pick-up, kids arts and craft activities, and much more! One of the signature events was the Pie Baking Contest. WACD's own Ryan Baye, whose baking skills are legendary in our conservation community, was honored to be a judge! We are not sure how many pies Ryan tried but it looked like a yummy assignment.



Support Washington State Envirothon



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

- **October 16:** [SW Area Association meeting](#), hosted by Pacific CD
- **October 16:** [WACD Board of Directors work session](#)
- **October 18:** [NE Area Association meeting](#), hosted by Pend Oreille CD
- **October 19:** [NC Area Association meeting](#), hosted by Adams CD
- **October 24:** [SC Area Association meeting](#), hosted by Benton CD
- **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

A visit to the Plant Materials Center

Today, Heather Wendt (WACD Director of Development and Engagement) and I spent the day at the WACD Plant Materials Center. It's been a very long time since we've been able to have an in-person staff meeting. Today was a welcome reconnection with the great folks who do so much for conservation and for your Association.

We spent three hours talking about successes and challenges, discussing immediate needs, and capturing some long-term goals. After a quick lunch, we headed out to the fields. John Knox (WACD PMC Assistant Nursery Manager) explained how the gravel bed holding system works. We walked several planting blocks and found the beds and plants to be in great condition.

Harvest has already started! A crew was packaging "sticks" today (large cuttings of willow, cottonwood, and dogwood) for use in a restoration project this fall. I'm including four photos from the visit, shown below.

I appreciate the work of our PMC folks. They manage 80 species on 60 acres, and each species has multiple age classes. Each plant block has specific cultural requirements to get those native plants to the condition you need for your conservation projects. The PMC is in constant motion every month of the year and I applaud all that they do!

Always yours for conservation,

Tom Salzer, WACD Executive Director





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- [USDA Announces \\$27.6 Million to Support Underserved and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers through the 2501 Program](#)
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- [Millions of dollars for 'tree equity' head to Snohomish County_| HeraldNet.com](#)

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