



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for November 30, 2023

Thank You For a Great Conference

The Five Things newsletter this week comes to you from Wenatchee. As I write this, WACD staff are in the State Conservation Commission meeting, listening to the Commission transact their business while we quietly work on WACD tasks.

This week, the Five Things is limited to a thank you to all attendees, presenters, partners, and sponsors. In my experience, you can tell how good a conference is by observing what people do after sessions and meals. We saw people talking in groups after sessions and after meals were finished. People were interested and engaged in the conference topics and in each other. From this, I conclude it was a good conference!

WACD Board members and staff were frequently stopped by people wanting to share their impression that the conference was very well done. WACD staff invested more time and energy in preparing this year's conference and it shows in the quality of the conference topics, the number of presenters and sponsors, increased involvement by partners, and many positive discussions.

Staff are working on finalizing a summary of actions taken on resolutions and I expect that to become available shortly. Please watch the Hub at <https://hub.wadistricts.org> for that news.

We also plan to upload a photostream (probably on Flickr) in the near future. We'd love to add photos from attendees to help those who attended, and those who didn't, experience the conference in a different way.

We'll get a survey out to folks soon so we can provide a more quantitative assessment of the conference, but in the meantime, please know that all of us at WACD are deeply appreciative of the participation and engagement of so many people in our conservation community: conservation district folks, presenters, partners, and sponsors!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Salzer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Salzer, WACD Executive Director

Conference Speakers

We have bios for conference speakers available on the Hub. Point your browser to <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2023meetings/conference/#speakers> to put faces to names and to learn more about them.



Upcoming Events

2024

- **January 8:** [Washington State Legislature short session begins](#)
 - **January 15:** [WACD Regular Board Meeting](#)
 - **January 18:** [State Conservation Commission meeting – Lacey, WA](#)
 - **January 29:** [Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Convention – Portland, OR](#)
 - **February 10-14:** [NACD 78th annual meeting – San Diego, California](#)
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Latest Posts on the Hub

- [Asotin County CD is seeking a Resource Technician](#)
- [Whidbey Island CD is seeking a Stewardship Forester](#)
- [Clark Conservation District annual native plant sale coming soon - The Reflector](#)
- [Skagit Conservation District receives grant for Colony Creek](#)
- [Clackamas SWCD WeedWise Specialist - Mt. Hood](#)
- [Palouse CD: Education & Outreach Manager](#)

See the full list of Recent Posts at <https://hub.wadistricts.org/posts/>. We capture many articles of interest to our community in the [WACD Reading List](#).

Latest on the Reading List

- [Gray and Oregon Road fires were among the most destructive in Washington history_| The Spokesman-Review](#)
 - [How researchers, farmers and brewers want to safeguard beer against climate change_| AP News](#)
 - [USDA plant hardiness zone map update gardeners climate warming : NPR](#)
 - [Climate change is hastening the demise of Pacific Northwest forests - Columbia Insight](#)
 - [Farm bill, funding updates_| WAWG](#)
 - [Addressing the Elephant in the Room_| Psychology Today](#)
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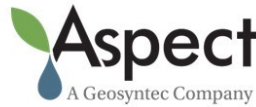
2023-2024 Sponsors

We have a great list of sponsors for WACD's 2023 Annual Conference. While you will recognize some of these entities as long-time supporters of conservation, many are new. Their support helps WACD provide the annual conference and business meeting at a reasonable cost for our

members.

WACD encourages you to consider patronizing sponsors in appreciation of their important support: <https://hub.wadistricts.org/annual/2022meetings/conference/#sponsors>

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