



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for September 19, 2024

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Five Things to Know

1. Upcoming Area Meetings - Save the Date

Area Meetings are right around the corner; please save the dates below.

- **October 10, 2024:** [SW Area Association meeting hosted by Thurston CD](#)
- **October 15, 2024:** [NE Area Association hosted by Spokane CD](#)
- **October 16, 2024:** [NC Area Association meeting hosted by Cascadia CD](#)
- **October 17, 2024:** [SE Area Association meeting hosted by Palouse CD](#)
- **October 24, 2024:** [NW Area Meeting hosted by Jefferson County CD](#)

- **October 30, 2024:** [SC Area Meeting hosted by Central Klickitat CD.](#)

As more details become available you will be able to find them on the HUB [here](#).

2. New WACD Award!

At the WACD Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 16th, the Board voted to re-activate the WACD Professional Service Award. It is designed to recognize an employee of a conservation district, state or federal agency, or a non-governmental organizations.

If you know an employee who is "furthering the cause of conservation districts, strengthening the conservation partnership and contributing to the state's conservation program", please consider nominating them before the November 1st deadline. Visit our [Awards webpage](#) on the WACD HUB to learn more.

3. ECY Air Quality Community Grants ~ Call for Applications

Ecology is offering a **new grant** to organizations serving overburdened communities and Tribes participating in our initiative to improve air quality in overburdened communities. This grant is to:

- Engage people in their community in projects that reduce criteria air pollution.
- Implement locally-led projects that reduce criteria air pollution.

Funding Details:

- Amount of funding available: \$10 million
- Grant award limit: up to \$700,000
- Amount of matching funds required: None. Recipients must provide all funding needed to complete the project beyond what is awarded through this grant.
- Application period: August 29, 2024 – October 24, 2024

Grant details and application information can be found [here](#).

4. Call for NACD Annual Meeting Break Out Sessions

NACD is accepting breakout session proposals for the upcoming [2025 Annual Meeting](#) to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on **February 8-12, 2025!**

These informational breakout sessions spotlight the work of conservation districts and partners across the country. Sessions typically run between 45-90 minutes long and often showcase several speakers. [Session proposals](#) are now being accepted through Wednesday, **October 2, 2024.**

This year, NACD is seeking proposals that fit into one of four themes:

- Community Outreach
- Conservation Implementation: Now and in the Future
- Conservation Capacity, Funding, and Operations
- Conservation Partnerships

New this year, NACD is requesting a short, 30-second optional video from breakout session applicants. Videos will allow candidates to share information about their projects, celebrate their work, and help NACD promote our annual meeting program. The videos can be informal and are an excellent way to help NACD learn more about you and your district!

If selected, speakers are responsible for their registration, lodging, and travel expenses. On a case-by-case basis, limited stipends may be available to offset some travel costs. Speakers in need of a stipend can indicate this in the proposal form.

Spread the word about this opportunity and consider [submitting a proposal!](#)

5. A Celebration of Regenerative Agriculture

Please join the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) on Thursday, **September 26, 2024**, for an afternoon and evening focused on regenerative agriculture.

Events will take place at the Compton Union Building (CUB), Junior Ballroom, Room 212, on the Pullman Campus.

Event Schedule

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. — Regenerative Agriculture Research Showcase

Meet with faculty and staff to learn about their efforts in regenerative agriculture, soil health, and how their work is making a more Resilient Washington and world. We are excited to share our research with partners from across the state.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. — Common Ground Screening

Join us at the CUB Auditorium for a public screening of Common Ground, a recent film produced by Coug alumnus Eric Dillon. The film is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes long.

8:00 p.m. — Panel Discussion

Following the screening of Common Ground, we will hold a panel discussion, moderated by SCC Commissioner Dani Gelardi, at the CUB Auditorium. Panelists include Jonalee Squeochs, Douglas Poole, and Jonathan Cox.

More information can be found [here](#).

6. Bonus Item: Virtual Office Hours

Starting this month WACD Executive Staff will be hosting virtual office hours on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (unless otherwise noted) from **noon until 1 pm**. Feel free to drop in and have a chat, no appointment necessary.

Our next office hour will occur on:

Wednesday, September 25th, Noon until 1 pm

Connection information is below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81129991422?pwd=duwNs4V5L3TFQa39SUQQUHMSnwVMHT.1>

Meeting ID: 811 2999 1422

Passcode: 549537

Phone Number: +1-253-205-0468

Upcoming Events

2024

- **September 16:** [WACD Board of Directors meeting](#)
- **September 18 - 19:** [SCC Meeting & Tour](#)
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Executive Corner

Great tour by the Okanogan CD

We've been busy this week, in part because of the State Conservation Commission events: a tour by the Okanogan Conservation District, and the Commission's meeting on Thursday (today!).

In lieu of lots of words, here is a temporary photo album of photos selected from the great tour provided by the Okanogan CD folks.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AiQPfiqWANqiEdc79>

Enjoy!

We'd like to hear from you

As always, we'd like to receive your ideas and questions. Please contact us at oly@wacd.org. Emails sent to that address reach the entire Executive Office team!

Always yours for conservation,



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- [WDFW, DNR announce \\$8.5 million in funding for Puget Sound restoration and protection efforts](#)
- [Free fuels reduction program helps residents boost wildfire resilience](#)
- [Cascadia CD Finance and Operations Director](#)
- [Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Compliance for FSA and NRCS Programs Webinar](#)
- [Public invited to rain garden tour and information session Oct. 5](#)

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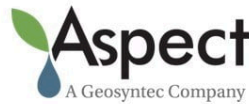
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