



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for August 7, 2025

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Hot off the presses....the [Plant Materials Center](#) has just published its [plant availability](#) for the 2025/2026 season. The bareroot harvest and shipping season is December through April. Remember to order early, as some species sell out fast!

If you don't see a species you are interested in, please contact us. We can broker and contract grow numerous species. For more information or to place your order, reach out to Jacquie at pmcsales@gmx.com. *Photo credit: WACD PMC*

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Five Things To Know

1. Area Meetings - Save the Date!

Save the date for upcoming Area Meetings! More information on exact locations and times are coming soon.

- Wednesday, October 15 – Northwest Area meeting – hosted by King CD
 - Thursday, October 16 – Southwest Area meeting – hosted by Wahkiakum CD
 - Wednesday, October 22 – Northeast area meeting – hosted by Stevens CD
 - Thursday, October 23 – North Central Area Meeting – hosted by Foster Creek CD
 - Tuesday, October 28 – South Central Area Meeting – hosted by Eastern Klickitat CD
 - Wednesday, October 29 – Southeast Area meeting – hosted by Columbia CD
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2. WACD Officer Positions

WACD Officer positions are a crucial part of the operation of the association, and provide an opportunity for supervisors to be a part of statewide discussions and decisions. This year, three officer positions are up for election at the WACD Annual Conference: Secretary, Treasurer, and National Director. If you are a supervisor and have an interest or affinity for member communications, finances, or advocating for Washington State at the national level, please consider

running.

For more information contact the Officer Recruitment Committee Chair [Mike Mumford](#) or [Ryan Baye](#)

3. Update on Resolution 2023-03

Resolution 2023-03 – Reducing and Recycling Plastics in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

In July of 2024, WACD engaged with Ecology's [Recycling Market Development Center](#) (RMDC).

The Washington Legislature established the RMDC in July 2019 (Chapter 70A.240 RCW). The law tasks the RMDC with facilitating research and development, marketing, and policy analysis to bolster recycling markets and processing in Washington.

As part of the research into the recycling needs of agriculture, Ecology funded a project with Zero Waste Washington to survey producers about the most common on-farm plastics used and the challenges in recycling those plastics. [Zero Waste Washington](#) then conducted a pilot project to trial alternative products that were more durable and longer lived to reduce waste on farms. The results of the pilot project are presented [here](#).

4. Did you know?

District Job Posting Form

Did you know that with one click you can share job postings with the SCC and WACD for inclusion on both websites? Getting the word out about opportunities in your CD has never been easier. Here is a direct link to the [form](#). You can also find the form on the SCC's website here:

<https://www.scc.wa.gov/job-postings>

District Tour Assistance Request Form

WACD and the SCC recently asked districts if they offered tours to legislators and other officials and if so, can we help. The resounding response was, YES! Here is a quick and easy link for a one stop shop to a) let us know you are planning a tour, and b) how and if, you want our help. It is just that simple. Here is a direct link to the [form](#). You can also find the form on WACD's website here:

<https://wadistricts.us/wacd/member-services/#advocacy>. Please note, due to limited staff capacity assistance will be on a first come first served basis.

Congressional members are on their August recess, now is the perfect time to invite them on a tour or find an opportunity to visit with them.

We've Moved!

WACD has consolidated its office space in Olympia, please use the address below to reach the Executive Office:

WACD Olympia
1219 11th Ave SE, **Suite 101**
Olympia, WA 98501

5. Registration is Now Open for NCDEA's Employee Training Event

The [National Conservation District Employees Association](#) (NCDEA) each year, hosts its mid-year meeting in a different state or territory and uses this event to connect with employees through hosting a companion tour and training, including participation by representatives from other national partners.

Join us for two days of learning and networking at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Spokane City Center**. This in-person event will feature informative sessions, conservation tours, Q&A with national partner leaders, and opportunities to connect with fellow professionals in the field.

Wednesday 8/27: full day training focused on a range of financial, operational, technical assistance, and resource management topics identified as critical to conservation district employees nationwide.

Thursday 8/28: full day tour and training at Spokane Conservation District's main property and nearby farm, featuring presentations and walking tours of programs and supporting funding; lunch on-site at Spokane CD and dinner/networking at area venues.

[Registration](#) cost is \$135.23. Hotel accommodations are available for \$175 plus tax and fees. To secure your hotel room, visit the [NCDEA hotel block](#).

For more information visit: www.ncdea.us

Upcoming Events

2025

- August 27 - 28: [NCDEA Mid-Year Meeting](#)
- September 7 - 10: [NACD Southwest & Pacific Region Meeting](#)
- September 12: WACD Funding Opportunities Newsletter is Published
- September 15: [WACD Board Meeting](#)
- September 17-18: [WSCC Meeting](#)

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Honor Those Making a Difference in Conservation

With awards season right around the corner, now is the perfect time to recognize and celebrate the individuals who make our conservation community thrive. The **WACD Annual Meeting** provides a meaningful venue to honor supervisors, associate supervisors, partners, farmers, and other outstanding community members. You can explore the wide range of award categories [here](#). Nominations are quick and easy, and they are due by **October 29**.

In addition to WACD awards, you can also submit nominations for the Washington Conservation Society's (WCS) **Creating a Legacy Award**. WCS is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting citizen-led conservation efforts across Washington. The Creating a Legacy Award honors individuals whose work has had a significant and lasting impact on conservation at the local, state, regional, or national level. You can find the nomination form [here](#); nominations are due **September 1**.

It's just as important to remember and honor those who came before us. The WCS **Leaving a Legacy Book** is designed to memorialize pioneers, partners, and others who played a vital role in Washington's conservation movement and are no longer with us. Submit your nominations by **November 1** using the form [here](#).

As summer winds down, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on those—past and present—who have shaped conservation in Washington State and consider honoring them through one of these meaningful opportunities.

Warmly,
Heather

Pictured below is a bench and plaque erected at the WACD Plant Material Center to honor the late great Lynn Brown.



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,


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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