



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for August 21, 2025

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Call for Envirothon Auction Items

The Washington State Envirothon Auction is back at the [WACD Annual Meeting](#) in Spokane on **Tuesday, December 2nd**, and we need your help gathering items. This is one of our few annual fundraisers, and your efforts directly support Envirothon programming.

Experiences can be a great addition and don't conflict with state audit rules, think **guided tours, farm stays, workshops, drone flights or hosted dinners**, along with tangible items like signed memorabilia, themed baskets and event tickets. Visit the Envirothon website to learn more:

<https://waenvirothon.org/support-envirothon/auction/>

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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. Check the WACD webpage for the latest updates:

<https://wadistricts.us/annual/2025meetings/2025-area-association-meetings/>

- 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

2. Farmers and Ranchers Small Business Workshop

The **NRCS office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization** are hosting a small business workshop catered for agricultural producers.

Date: September 11th

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Rural Development State Office / Olympic National Forest Office
(1835 Black Lake Blvd, Olympia, WA 98512)

Speakers from USDA's Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, and NRCS will provide overviews on various opportunities to assist with agribusiness planning and other USDA opportunities. Additionally, the Small Business Administration and the Small Business Development Center will present information on lending and business plan development.

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/252244026639153>

3. The Community Builders Collective — A Statewide Network for Project Leaders

Launching this fall, the Community Builders Collective (CBC) is a **free**, statewide peer network from the [Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board \(CERB\)](#) for the people behind community and economic development infrastructure projects in rural, tribal, and historically under-resourced communities.

CBC members get:

- A statewide network of peers facing similar challenges and opportunities
- Practical resources and tools to support project development
- Live training and learning opportunities focused on real-time needs
- 24/7 access to the community (plus CERB staff when needed)

If you're navigating complex infrastructure projects with limited time and staff— the CBC is here to help you get it done, together.

For more information sign up here:

<https://airtable.com/app2Jt6zuPzvUvnL1/shrnGmPBP2Fhpj1DK>

4. 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](#).

5. Sponsors Make a World of Difference

Sponsor support of the [Annual Conference](#) helps us hold down costs for members and partners, meaning more people can attend and participate. Sponsors also provide great value through the information they share with attendees and the relationships they form with members and partners.

Sponsorships are already coming in, check out our [sponsors page](#) to see who has already sponsored this year's event and the various sponsorship opportunities.

Do you know of an individual or organization who might benefit from connecting with Washington's 45 Conservation Districts? If so, reach out to [Heather Wendt](#) so she can help them connect to our conservation community.

6. EPA's Webinar on Mitigation Measures to Protect Endangered Species from Pesticides

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public webinar on **September 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM PT** to provide information on the ecological runoff/erosion and spray drift mitigation measures that can be used to protect endangered species from pesticides. These measures are part of EPA's online menu of mitigation measures pesticide users can choose from depending on their crop, region, agronomic practices, and the individual field to protect endangered species. The mitigation menu approach is intended to improve flexibility for pesticide users by providing options that work best for their situation, while still achieving an appropriate level of mitigation.

The purpose of the webinar is to help users better understand and use the mitigation menu webpage. The webinar will include:

- An overview of the [mitigation menu](#), including runoff/erosion and spray drift mitigation measures, and how pesticide users and growers can evaluate their fields for these mitigation measures.
- An explanation of how to navigate the mitigation menu webpage and available resources including the new [Pesticide App for Label Mitigations](#) (PALM).
- A demonstration of the available tools to calculate runoff/erosion mitigation points and spray drift buffers.

[Register Here](#)

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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Summer Time for WACD's Executive Office

I'm sure it's no surprise that summer at WACD means planning season! Staff are busy preparing for our fall Area Meetings and the WACD Annual Meeting—important opportunities to connect in person, share updates, and discuss the issues most important to Washington's conservation

districts.

Alongside that work, we've also been drafting WACD's next strategic plan. A first draft will be presented to the WACD Board in September and then shared with all of you for feedback. Your input will be essential in shaping the direction of this plan.

In between meeting prep and planning, Ryan and I have been doing what we love most—visiting CDs one-on-one. Over the past two weeks we've had the privilege of meeting with Benton, Clallam (virtually), King, Kitsap, Mason, Pend Oreille, Pierce, and Rock Lake CDs. Thank you all for the warm welcome!

Earlier this week, I had the chance to visit Pend Oreille CD (POCD). Corey Brenner, Riparian Program Manager, led a tour of the CD's joint nursery with the Kalispel Tribe. Thanks to funding from the Washington State Conservation Commission's Riparian Plant Propagation Program (RPPP), the nursery is producing plants that are ready for both landowner and CD riparian projects. It's an exciting example of collaboration and conservation in action.

Warmly,
Heather & Ryan



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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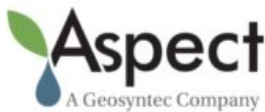
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