

**NACD Update for  
Conservation Commission 12/5/24 Meeting and WACD 2024 Annual Meeting**

**2024 RESOLUTIONS FROM WACD AREA MEETINGS POTENTIALLY GOING TO NACD**

From area meetings, WACD has three resolutions up for consideration at WACD to go to NACD:

1. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signature requirements (2024-03); (Lincoln).
2. Improving the USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant Scoring Process (2024-06); (Cascadia, Okanogan).
3. The Role of FSA and NRCS in Managing CREP and CRP (2024-09); (Whitman)

**NACD – IS IT WORTH YOUR DUES?**

1. Dues are \$775/year. North and South Yakima and WACD are platinum members - which means contributing over \$3,000. The Klickitats and Spokane are also significant contributors (Each contributed \$1,800).
2. In 2023 Washington CDs paid \$29,156 in dues and received \$1,172,228 in grants (TA, Urban). For FY 21, 22, and 23 the **Return on Investment was \$35.78 for each dues dollar.**
3. What you get from NACD for your dues — Advocacy (like making your views known on the Farm Bill), grants, training, resources, templates, job postings, and more.

**2025 NACD'S ANNUAL MEETING**

The NACD 2025 Annual Meeting is hosted in partnership with the Utah Association of Conservation Districts. The meeting is in Salt Lake City, UT, from February 8-12, 2025. The theme in the Beehive State is "Bee the Change: Reaching New Summits in Conservation!"

[Registration](#) is open and early bird registration ends December 20, 2024. Information on the agenda, speakers, tours, breakout sessions, and hotel is [here](#).

**CONSERVATION COFFEES**

NACD offers Conservation Coffees as quick, bi-monthly learning sessions about activities and programs, as well as an opportunity to network and learn. [Register here](#) and join on Zoom on December 12, 3:00 p.m. ET. NACD's Outreach Subcommittee will share information on Heir's Property, specifically what the term means, why it matters in an agricultural and conservation context, and current efforts by the committee to bring awareness to the issue. Registration is free and open to anyone interested in joining, and the session will also be recorded and later added to our [Conservation Coffees playlist on YouTube](#).

**NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS** - [Colt Fossum](#) is NACD's new Director of Finance and Operations. Fossum served as NACD Executive and Operations Specialist since October 2022.