



# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

## Area Director Talking Points: January 2021

### 1 – Legislative session starts on January 11<sup>th</sup>

This will be the most different legislative session that we have ever seen. WACD is working with our contract lobbyist on final strategies and messaging.

### 2 – WACD to provide scholarships to NACD Annual Meeting

As heralded in the [December 23rd 5 Things newsletter](#) (use WACD1942 if prompted for a password, and subscribe at <https://wadistricts.org/subscribe>) WACD will pay the registration to the [NACD annual meeting](#) for one conservation district supervisor from each of our 45 districts. The deadline on this offer is January 22, 2021. This is an important year for Washington State: we have a new federal administration about to take office; Michael Crowder (Benton CD) is about to become the next NACD President; and Farm Bill conversations are already happening. This is a perfect year to attend the NACD annual meeting and get to know the many ways your national association works for you.

### 3 – WACD seeks Area Directors for NE and SE areas

WACD continues to seek one new [area director](#) for the Northeast Area Association of Conservation Districts and one to represent the Southeast Area Association of Conservation Districts.

### 4 – WACD Board work session on January 18<sup>th</sup>

The WACD Board of Directors will hold a work session on Monday, January 18, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Watch the [Board of Directors webpage](#) for details.

### 5 – WACD Annual Work Plan is in progress

The WACD Annual Plan Work Group [has been assisting](#) Executive Director Tom Salzer in developing a proposed annual plan. The WACD Board will review the proposed draft at their work session January 18<sup>th</sup> work session.

Sincerely,

Tom Salzer, Executive Director