



# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

To: WACD Annual Conference and Business Meeting Attendees

Subject: Conference Schedule, November 29, 2020

The WACD Annual Conference and Business Meeting will be held Monday, November 30, 2020 through Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Registrants will receive the appropriate Zoom links by email before the conference.

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# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

## Let's get started!

- 8:30 Zoom Introduction/Pre-Session Announcements
- 9:00 Opening Session/Welcome

## How Conservation Districts Operate: Now and Future

- 9:20 Factors Affecting Conservation Districts: a Panel Discussion with NACD Leadership
  - Tim Palmer, President [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)
  - Michael Crowder, President-Elect [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)
  - Kim LaFleur, 2nd Vice President [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 The Future of CD Operations in Washington State: Facilitated Member's Forum
  - Michael Crowder, President-Elect [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)
  - Kim LaFleur, 2nd Vice President [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)
  - Jeanette Dorner, WACD President

## Lunch

- 12:00 WSCC Commissioner Candidate Luncheon (meet and greet Harold Crose)
  - 12:00 WSCC Commissioner Election Ballots Released

## Conservation District Spotlight

- 1:00 Conservation for Every Community – CD Successes with New Communities
  - Joey Breaux, Office of Soil and Water Conservation [Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry](#)
  - Dana Bowers, Education Program Coordinator [Stevens County Conservation District](#)
  - Sandy Letzing, Cascadia Urban Ag/Outreach to Farm Workers [Cascadia Conservation District](#)
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Taking Professional Development for District Employees to the Next Level
  - Nichole Embertson, Chair [Center for Technical Development](#)
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 How to Run a Successful Virtual Board Meeting: Chairs and Managers
  - Chair Larry Cochrane and Director Jennifer Boie [Palouse Conservation District](#)
  - Craig Nelson, Executive Director [Okanogan Conservation District](#)
  - Chair TJ Johnson and Executive Director Sarah Moorehead [Thurston Conservation District](#)

## Networking

- 6:00 Networking on resolutions – This is discussion on resolutions to be considered on Wednesday afternoon. While we plan for this to be a single Zoom session, it could break into individual Zoom rooms if needed.

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

## Emerging Natural Resource Issues

- **9:00 Keynote Speakers**
  - George Geisler, State Forester Washington State Department of Natural Resources
  - Terra Rentz, Forest Health and Resiliency Division Manager Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- **9:20 Water Topic – Introduction to Water Rights Adjudication**
  - Lorah Super, Supervisor Okanogan Conservation District
- **9:45 Break**
- **10:00 Panel on Soil Health**
  - Alison Halpern, Policy Assistant Washington State Conservation Commission
  - Joe Williams, Area Conservationist Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Kelly McLean, Policy Advisor to the Director Washington State Department of Agriculture
  - Chad Kruger, Directors of Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center & Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources Washington State University
- **10:45 Break**
- **11:00 Conservation Easement Panel**
  - Kate Delavan, Office of Farmland Preservation Coordinator Washington State Conservation Commission
  - Carlee Elke, Easement Program Coordinator Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Nick Norton, Executive Director Washington Association of Land Trusts
  - Nate Lewis, Conservation Manager Washington Association of Land Trusts
- **11:45 Break**

## Lunch

- **12:00 Lunch Networking: Emerging Natural Resource Issues**

## 2021 Legislative Session

- **1:00 Legislator Panel**
  - Representative Debra Lekanoff Washington State Legislature
  - Senator Shelly Short Washington State Legislature
  - *Facilitated by* Brynn Brady Ceiba Consulting
- **1:45 Break**
- **2:00 Conservation Districts and State Funding – A Panel with State Agencies**
  - Wendy Brown, Policy and Legislative Director Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
  - Kelly McLean, Policy Advisor to the Director Washington State Department of Agriculture
  - Alison Halpern, Policy Assistant Washington State Conservation Commission
  - Garret Ward, Budget Policy Manager Washington State Department of Ecology

- **2:45 Break**
- **3:00 Open Discussion on Legislative Priorities**
- **3:45 Break**

## Themed Networking

- **6:00 Themed networking** – Suggested topics include:
  - Conservation district operations and COVID-19
  - How conservation districts are dealing with wildfire risk and recovery
  - How to improve working relationships with tribes
  - Diversity, equity, inclusion, justice - how do these relate to our conservation district work?

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

## Commission Session on Supervisor Development

- **9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
  - Carol Smith, Executive Director **Washington State Conservation Commission**
- **9:30 RM updates and intro to the new Supervisor Development Curriculum**
  - Shana Joy, Regional Manager Coordinator **Washington State Conservation Commission**
- **10:00 Break**
- **10:15 Special Presentation**
  - Joe Davis, Director of Risk Management & Member Relations **Enduris**
  - Susan Looker, Director of Claims **Enduris**
  - Kelly Allen, Legal Counsel **Enduris**
- **11:15 Break**
- **11:30 Office of Farmland Preservation Update**
  - Kate Delevan, Office of Farmland Preservation Coordinator **Washington State Conservation Commission**
- **11:45 Budget and Outreach Story Telling and Resources**
  - Laura Johnson, Communications Manager **Washington State Conservation Commission**
  - Brynn Brady **Ceiba Consulting**

## Lunch

- **12:30 Lunch break**
- **1:30 WACD Awards Presentations / Years of Service Recognition / 2020 CD Photo Contest Winners**

## WACD Business Meeting

- **2:00 Call to Order/ Roll Call of Member Districts**
- **2:15 Rules of Order Briefing/ Zoom explanation**
- **2:30 Approval of 2019 Business Meeting Minutes**
- **2:35 Treasurer's Report for FY2019/ Report on current Fiscal Year**
- **2:40 Plant Materials Center Status Report**
- **2:45 WACD 2021 Legislative Priorities & Opportunities**
- **3:00 2019 Postponed King CD Resolution**
- **3:15 Resolutions Recommended by Finance Committee**
- **3:30 Resolutions Recommended by Legislative, Bylaws, & District Policies Committee**
- **4:30 Discussion on any resolutions that may be brought from the floor**
- **4:35 Action on Proposed Bylaws Recommended by the WACD Board of Directors**
- **5:10 WACD Officer Elections – President & Vice President**
- **5:30 WSCC Central Region Representative Election**
- **5:45 Adjournment**
- **8:00 WACD and WSCC Elections Close**
- **8:30 Election Results Announced**

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

- **9:00 Washington State Conservation Commission Meeting ([notice](#) and [agenda](#))**