



## WACD Southwest Area Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 10, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm – *Optional Networking Hour & Tasting 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm*

**Location:** Heritage Distilling Company (4200 Capitol Blvd SE Suite 104, Tumwater, WA 98501)

**Please RSVP for the meeting** no later than **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, using [this linked form](#). Please indicate your expected attendance at the meeting so we can plan for your participation. The cost for the day will be **\$35.00** per person. Please send your prepayment and **make checks payable to Thurston Conservation District**. Any cancellations must be received by **noon on September 26<sup>th</sup>**, to receive a refund. No refunds will be made after that time.

**Resolutions** proposed for action at this year's meeting should be **emailed to Thurston Conservation District by Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Thurston CD will send all resolutions electronically to area CD Executive Directors for disbursement to their individual district's supervisors by October 1st. **Each district is responsible for printing their own resolution packets, if desired**. Once all resolutions have been collected and sent via email, you may print as many copies as your CD attendees need of the resolutions submitted by all districts. This means you **do not need to bring printed copies of your own resolutions to share**, except for your own attendees if they desire.

Please title your email with your CD name and 'WACD Resolutions' (ex. Thurston WACD Resolutions), then send your resolutions by September 27<sup>th</sup> to: [tcdadmin@thurstoncd.com](mailto:tcdadmin@thurstoncd.com)

**Optional: Networking Hour and Tasting:** Join us for a Heritage Distillery tasting and continue collaboration with your area partners! Please RSVP for this event separately in the [registration form](#). The networking hour is free, and to participate in the tasting, please plan to pay an additional \$10.00 per person on-site via cash or card to enjoy a guided tasting of four spirits of your choice.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!





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TIME	AGENDA ITEM
8:45 am	<b>Registration</b>
9:15	<b>Welcome and Self-Introductions</b> , <i>TCD Chair</i>
9:20	<b>State Conservation Partnership Legislative Updates</b> <i>(10 min ea)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Washington Association of Conservation Districts, <i>Executive Director &amp; Area Directors</i></li> <li>▪ Washington State Conservation Commission, <i>Chair &amp; Executive Director</i></li> <li>▪ National Association of Conservation Districts, <i>National Director</i></li> <li>▪ Natural Resources Conservation Services, <i>State Conservationist</i></li> </ul> <b>Partnership Q&amp;A</b> <i>(15 min)</i>
10:15	<b>Break</b>
10:30	<b>Resolutions – Action Item</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <i>(provided)</i>
12:40	<b>Southwest WA Agriculture Presentation</b> Northwest Agricultural Business Center, <i>Executive Director</i> Mike Peroni will present on the work of NABC in Southwest WA and collaborative efforts to enhance and support agriculture in the region.
1:00	<b>Area Awards</b>
1:20	<b>District Issues and Presentations</b> <i>(10 min ea)</i> This is an opportunity for each district to highlight an important issue facing their community, bring forward a topic for collaboration and discussion by the Southwest Area membership, or share a presentation about innovative conservation programs or projects. Prepared presentations are optional. <i>Order: Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, Thurston, Wahkiakum</i>
2:30	<b>Area Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2023 Southwest area meeting minutes – <i>Action Item</i></li> <li>▪ Southwest Area Association Bylaws – <i>If necessary</i></li> <li>▪ Election of Southwest Area Director Position 1 – <i>Action Item (Currently held by Bruce McDonald – Lewis CD)</i></li> <li>▪ Election of Southwest Area Director Position 2 – <i>Action Item (Currently held by Lisa Zaborac – Grays Harbor CD)</i></li> </ul>
3:00	<b>Adjourn</b>
3:00 – 4:00	Networking Hour & Tasting <i>(optional)</i>