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Success! ESSB 6050 Passes Senate and Provides Permanent Funding for Low Tax-based Counties

Finally, for the first time in six years those counties qualifying for financial assistance will have a permanent source of funds to help mitigate the loss of the MVET due to the Legislature's enactment of I-695. Twenty counties will share in an annual appropriation of approximately \$5 million growing over time.

ESSB 6050 passed the Senate Thursday night 61-37 in a bipartisan vote. Before final passage Rep. Ed Orcutt introduced an amendment that would have diverted up to \$20 million from the distribution of county forest board land sales from the state general fund to the city county financial assistance account. After a long debate the amendment was defeated 45-53. This was a difficult vote for many legislators who wanted to find a source of funding other than the Public Works Fund, but in the end they realized that ESSB 6050 did not impact the budget and it did not require a tax increase.

The source of funding is a portion of the state's share of the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) that was going to the Public Works Fund. The PWF is a loan fund that allows low-interest loans for expansion of public works infrastructure projects. The REET provides over \$100 million per year and \$10 million of this amount would be deposited in the City-County Assistance Account. Fifty percent will be dedicated to counties and fifty percent to cities. The

use of these funds will not jeopardize the growth of future infrastructure projects since the growth of the REET is exceeding the amounts approved.

The funding formula will then distribute the funds to those counties based upon the following criteria:

- (1) all eligible counties shall receive at least \$250,000 from the first half cent local option sales tax;
- (2) for counties with an unincorporated population of 15,000 or less they will receive the greater of the amount of (1) above, or the amount of backfill they received in the FY 2005 budget.

Counties with an unincorporated population of more than 15,000, but less than 22,000 shall receive the greater of (1) above or the backfill provided in FY 2005 for FY 2006 and 2007 only. This applies only to Douglas and Walla Walla counties.

If the revenue grows or decreases in the future at a greater rate than projected it will be shared on a population pro rata share.

This is a major victory for many counties, but there is one more very important step. The Governor must sign the bill into law. It is essential that every official in counties that receive monies under this bill immediately write a letter

to Governor Gregoire asking her to sign the bill into law. Please send a copy to WSAC when you send the letter.

Finally, it is important to thank the

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legislators who helped make this possible. First and foremost, Senators Linda Parlette and Mark Doumit were our champions all of the way through this process. They worked their own caucuses when the bill was in the Senate and then reached out to the House and worked untiringly right up to passage of the bill late last night. In the House Representative Jim McIntire led the bill through a complicated and sometimes difficult process of trying to find a different source of funding. When that didn't happen he worked with House leadership to make sure that the original senate bill was passed without any amendments so we could get it to the Governor quickly. On the other side of the aisle, Rep. David Buri worked tirelessly for the counties in his district. He was able to get a significant number of Republicans to support the bill. It was a good team effort that resulted in a permanent fix.

If you click on the following <http://flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov/rollcall/rollcall.aspx?bill=6050&year=2005> you can see which legislators voted in favor of the bill in both the House and Senate. Please thank them.

Black Cloud Falls Over WACO!

It is with much sadness that we report that Brenda Bamford, Financial Operations Manager, is leaving her position with WACO at the end of May, for greener pastures. Brenda has made the decision to devote herself full-time to her family and is taking a much needed break from balancing both work and home for the last 10 years. She is looking forward to focusing her energy on her daughter, Tori, 10, and

stepdaughters Ashleigh, 17, and Brittany, 15. Her husband, Thad, is also looking forward to having Brenda on the home front. . .and dinner in the oven!

Brenda first came to WACO on October 2, 1995, and was christened at the 37th Annual WACO Conference, at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, her first week on the job. From that time on, she has become a dedicated and respected employee at WACO, developing her considerable talents to become not only an exceptional financial operations manager for the association, but a lobbyist and the web designer, as well.

Brenda graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree from the University of Washington in history and political science, and an Associate of Arts degree from Centralia College in accounting. While in college, Brenda was a bookkeeper and office manager with Red Robin International and a bookkeeper for a private business in Seattle.

We will miss Brenda's outgoing personality, enthusiasm and smile tremendously at the Washington Counties Building. Her multitasking is legendary, and her aptitude for taking on any project with successful results will be difficult to replace. We wish Brenda much happiness, less stress and many enjoyable days with her family on the white, sandy beaches of Hawaii.

NOTE: Legislative Committee schedules and agendas can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

Budget, Finance and Taxes

Historic Courthouse Renovation Funds Included in Capital Budget

Significant changes were made in the capital budget agreed to by House and Senate conferees from the budgets adopted separately by the House and the Senate. Still included, though funded at a smaller level than either previous budget, is a new matching grant program for counties with historic county courthouses that need assistance in renovating the facilities and maintaining historic features. The conference report provides \$5 million for the coming

biennium, with \$450,000 dedicated to restoration of the courthouse clock tower in Jefferson County.

A grant process and selection criteria will be developed by the fall by the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation. A vote on the capital budget is expected tonight.

County Treasurers' Cleanup Bill (WACO/Treasurers' Priority)

SHB 1158, county treasurers' administrative procedures, awaits signature by the Governor.

Automated REET System (WACO/Treasurers' Priority)

2SHB 1240, funding the development of an automated system to process real estate excise taxes, passed the House Wednesday, and because it is now an important piece to help balance the budget, it should clear the Senate by adjournment this weekend.

Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

WACO Priorities Move to the Governor

SSB 5035, forensic pathology, is scheduled for action by the Governor, for today, Friday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. There is every reason to believe she will sign SSB

5035 which is a priority of both the Forensic Investigations Council (FIC) and the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (WACME). Our thanks go to Senator Thibaudeau for sponsoring SSB 5035.

SSB 5242, inmates possessing weapons, has been delivered to Governor Gregoire who has 20 days to take action on the bill or it will automatically become law.

Elections, Licensing and Recording

Primary Date Change Push (WACO/Auditors' Priority)

ESHB 2027, moving the primary to the third Tuesday in August, died on the Senate floor calendar last week, but attempts to revive it continue at this hour.

As of this writing, conference committees are working out differences with House amendments to ESSB 5499, clarifying and standardizing various election procedures, and SHB 5743, enhancing voter registration recordkeeping, and as progress is being made with the House acquiescing on some key points as to what the Senate wants in these election reform bills, we remain hopeful that the primary may finally move.

Auditors HB 1385 to be Signed by Governor

HB 1385, restricting the information on recorded documents is scheduled to be signed by Governor Christine Gregoire at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 22.

The purpose of this legislation is to

respond to concerns in the community regarding personal information being included in documents recorded in the auditors' offices that is not a requirement of the document. This bill specifically identifies three types of personal information that shall not be included in documents recorded with the auditors' offices and places the burden to ensure that this information is not included on the preparers of the documents. The three pieces of personal information to be excluded are the social security number of any person referred to in the document, birth date of any person referred to in the document and mother's maiden name of any person referred to in the document.

Mail Ballot Elections

SHB 1754, authorizing county-wide mail ballot elections, is on its way to the Governor's desk. Here is what Secretary of State Sam Reed had to say: "Local option vote-by-mail is one of the most important bills of my 2005 Election Reform Package. It is a tremendous step forward for the state of Washington.

It promotes an informed electorate by allowing people to spread their ballots out across the kitchen table and really study the issues as they vote. Voting by mail is secure because signatures on every ballot are checked.

"This legislation, which gives counties the option of holding all future elections by mail, is well timed. Due to federal mandates, counties must soon offer special equipment for people with disabilities at pollsites. In counties that opt to vote entirely by mail, the cost of meeting this mandate will be dramatically reduced.

"Finally, it is critical that the county legislative bodies decide whether to exercise this option. They know best the people in their communities and their current resources. I applaud the Legislature for passing this important bill."

Environment, Land Use and Resources

GMA Extension Legislation Passes

The only significant GMA legislation this legislative session is now on its way to the Governor for signature. **HB 2171** provides all counties and cities a one-year delay in critical areas updates – and allows continued access to key state grant and loan funds, such as the public works assistance account and the Centennial Clean Water Fund. Jurisdictions are required to be demonstrating substantial progress toward compliance with the review and revision requirements to be eligible for the above grant and loan funds. Only if a county or city is more than 12 months out of compliance with the review and revision requirements is it deemed not to be making substantial progress towards compliance.

DNR Policy for Sustainable Forests DEIS Comment Period Open

OLYMPIA – Washington’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites comments through May 16, 2005 on the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Policy for Sustainable Forests*.

The *Policy for Sustainable Forests* will replace the agency’s 1992 *Forest Resource Plan* to guide sustainable management of 2.1 million acres of forested state trust lands throughout the state. The Draft EIS will provide environmental analysis to assist the Board of Natural Resources in their decisions and, ultimately, their adoption of the *Policy for Sustainable Forests*. The document is available on the DNR website at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/agency/frp/psf_deis/index.html

“Whether you send your comments or come to the hearings, I encourage you to give us your thoughts,” said Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands. “It’s important because these policies affect these lands which benefit all of us. The *Policy for Sustainable Forests* is being developed specifically to assure the people of Washington the continual flow of economic, ecological and social benefits from forested state trust lands into the foreseeable future.”

Twenty-six policy subject areas are under consideration and are organized under four categories: Economic Performance, Forest Ecosystem Health and Productivity, Social and Cultural Benefits, and Implementation. Subject areas include management of older forests and old growth as well as public access and recreation. Like the earlier plan, the *Policy for Sustainable Forests* will not identify management activities on specific tracts of land (for example, individual timber harvests). Rather, it contains the Board of Natural Resources’ general policies and guidance. The Draft EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts that could result from each of the alternative policies for each subject area, including the department’s recommended alternative.

Comment Period

On Friday April 15, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the *Policy for Sustainable Forests* will be available on DNR’s website at www.dnr.wa.gov, linked to a button on the right border of the main

webpage. CD-ROMs of the Draft EIS also are available.

Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2005. E-mail comments to sepacenter@wadnr.gov, FAX 360-902-1789, or mail to Washington DNR’s SEPA Center, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, WA, 98504-7015.

Public Hearings

Seven public hearings will be held across the state to take testimony regarding the Draft EIS. At the hearings, DNR will provide information about the Draft EIS and the environmental review process.

NOTE: Hearings are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **Tuesday, May 3, 2005 – Lacey**, Lacey Community Center at Woodland Creek Community Park – Banquet Room A, 6729 Pacific Av SE, Lacey
- **Wednesday, May 4, 2005 – Port Angeles**, Peninsula College, Room J47, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles
- **Thursday, May 5, 2005 – Mount Vernon**, Best Western CottonTree Inn & Convention Center – Fidalgo Room, 2300 Market St, Mt. Vernon
- **Monday, May 9, 2005 – Longview**, Cowlitz County PUD Auditorium, 961-12th Av, Longview
- **Wednesday, May 10, 2005 – Bellevue**, Bellevue Community College – Rooms C-120 A & B, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue

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- **Wednesday, May 11, 2005 – Ellensburg**
Central Washington University –
Black Hall, Room 152, 400 E
University Way, Ellensburg
- **Thursday, May 12, 2005 – Spokane**

Hilton Garden Inn – Granite
Room #2, 9015 W. Highway 2,
Spokane

If you have further questions contact
Judy Wilson at 360-902-1006.

General Government Issues

Small Counties Grow Faster Than Big Ones

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It might seem like the greater Puget Sound region is growing like crazy, but some of the state's smaller counties grew faster between 2003 and 2004, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Thursday.

Franklin, Island and Clark counties posted the highest rates of growth, with Franklin County's rate of 5.6 percent leading the state.

Pierce and King counties each grew by less than 1 percent, according to 2004 population estimates released by the Census Bureau. Pierce County added about 5,000 residents.

Adams, Kitsap and Garfield counties lost residents. The 60 people who left Garfield County translated into a 2.5 percent decrease in population for the tiny Eastern Washington county.

Congratulations to Pierce County

Pierce County was recently notified by the National Association of County Information Officers that it has received five awards in

recognition of excellence in communications. They are:

1. Department of Communications - Superior Award for Internal Publications, Magazine Format (County Line)
2. Department of Communications - Excellence Award for Special Projects, Citizen Education (The New Primary: As Easy As 1,2,3)
3. Department of Communications - Meritorious Award for News Writing (Council chair ends distinguished career)
4. Public Works & Utilities - Water Programs - Meritorious Award for Special Projects, Citizen Education (Citizen Education project)
5. Emergency Management - Meritorious Award for Special Projects, Public Participation

(Pierce County Neighborhood
Emergency Teams)

The NACIO Awards of Excellence will be presented in July during the National Association of Counties' 70th Annual Conference and Exposition.

Good News for Public Health

EHCR 4410, which establishes the legislative committee to study public health funding, has passed both the House and the Senate. This resolution, sponsored by Representative Shay Schual-Berke at the request of the Public Health Roundtable, is the culmination of 10 years of work in the Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP) mandated by the Legislature in 1993. The PHIP work created standards for public health practice, identified the gap in meeting the standards and estimated the additional funding needed to bridge the gap. That information will provide a starting place for the Legislative Committee discussion. Membership on the Legislative Committee will be one member from each caucus from the committee on health and the principal fiscal committee of the House of Representatives and Senate. The committee will also include a representative from the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of Health, WSAC, WSALPHO, and the State Board of Health.

Funding for Illegal Tire Pile Cleanup Passes Legislature

SHB 2085 which reinstates a state fee on the sale of new tires in Washington for the purpose of cleaning up unauthorized tire piles is on the way to the Governor for signature. The funding may be used for the cleanup on waste tire piles and measures that prevent future accumulation of unauthorized waste tire piles. The first appropriation is to conduct a study of existing tire cleanup sites. The completed study will be delivered to the House and Senate Transportation Committees

by November 15, 2005. The study will include the following elements:

- 1) Identification of existing tire cleanup sites in the state of Washington;
- 2) the estimated number of tires in each tire cleanup site;
- 3) a map identifying the location of each one of the tire cleanup sites;
- 4) a photograph of each one of the tire cleanup sites;
- 5) the estimated cost for cleanup of each tire site by cost component;
- 6) the estimated reimbursement of costs to be recovered from persons or entities that created or have responsibility for the tire cleanup site;
- 7) identification of the type of reimbursements for recovery by each of the tire cleanup sites;
- 8) the estimated time frame to begin the cleanup project and the estimated completion date for each tire cleanup site;
- 9) an assessment of local government functions relating to unauthorized tire piles, including cleanup, enforcement, and public health;
- 10) identification of needs in the areas of local government functions relating to unauthorized tire piles, including cleanup, enforcement, and public health; and
- 11) a statewide cleanup plan based on multiple funding options between twenty cents and sixty cents for each new tire sold at retail starting on July 1, 2005.

This bill is the result of several years

of work with legislators and stakeholders (including WSAC) and recognizes the needs of counties to have funding assistance in cleaning up illegal tire piles. Thanks to Representatives Hankins and Simpson for keeping this issue a priority in the legislature. Also thanks to Commissioner Eric Johnson for making this a priority on behalf of WSAC.

Bill to Reduce Chronic Homeless on Governor's Desk for Signature

With thanks to Seth Dawson, the lobbyist for the Coalition to End Homelessness for borrowed information.

E2SHB 2163, the bill to reduce chronic homelessness was concurred with by the House on April 19 and now goes to the Governor for her signature. The bill's goal is to reduce homelessness by 50% in the next 10 years. The initial funding is from an additional \$10 surcharge on recorded documents processed by the county auditor's office. It is estimated that approximately \$10 million per year will be raised.

Prior to the vote for concurrence, Rep. Miloscia, Chair, House Housing Committee, quickly summarized the Senate changes -- excluding marriage, divorce, death and birth certificates from the fee increase; and identifying particular homeless populations to be addressed, sex offenders, people with mental illness and people in recovery from substance abuse. He then urged a positive floor vote.

Rep. Holmquist expressed the GOP position: That the recording fee is meant to only cover the cost of

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recording and filing documents -- not to end homelessness; that the real cause of homelessness, the lack of affordable housing, is not even addressed by the bill; that home buyers already face staggering costs and this fee increase just adds to that burden; that if other recording fee increases passed this session by the legislature are signed into law, the cost for recordings will go from the current \$19 to \$61; and that a better revenue source needs to be found for the worthy goal of ending homelessness.

Legislators especially helpful in keeping this measure on the move (and it was "stuck" on multiple occasions) include Reps. Mark Miloscia, Timm Ormsby (prime sponsor), Ruth Kagi and Jeannie Darneille, as well as Senators Darlene Fairley, Rosemary McAuliffe and Dale Brandland. In addition, there was excellent staff work from the House and Senate Democratic Caucuses, Dick Kelley and Katie White respectively.

On a related note, yesterday the Senate concurred with the House amendments to SSB 5767, calling for 10 year plans to address homelessness.

Some people have asked what effect HB 2163 has on HB 2060 (the original recording fee increase). There are two changes to the existing statute. The administrative fee goes to the county as opposed to the auditor and funds raised by HB 2060 may also be used for projects that were *eligible* for Housing Trust Fund dollars -- not just those that actually received HTF money. (In some locations HB 2060 was given the narrower interpretation, contrary to

the spirit of that original legislation).

Counties are going to have a huge role in implementing this piece of legislation. Fortunately for those to whom the task seems overwhelming, it is an optional role which can be delegated to your local housing authority or community action agency. Many of the larger counties have already completed or are a long ways down the road on their own 10-year plans to end chronic homelessness. WSAC will look at having a workshop or session during the Fall Conference on this topic where plans can be shared and examples of how to begin working toward the goal of the legislation can be provided. The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development will be the lead agency on assisting the counties with implementation and will have key aggregated data from counties on homeless populations statewide through the federally mandated Homeless Management Information System.

Governor and DSHS Secretary Announce Steps to Improve the Safety of Children and Other Vulnerable People

Thursday morning, April 21, the Governor and new DSHS Secretary Robin Arnold-Williams announced a series of steps that will be taken to improve the safety of children and other vulnerable people. Their announcement comes on the heels of several heavily publicized child deaths and injuries over the past 6 months and the over-expenditure of the Children's Administration budget by \$12 million. Effective immediately, Uma Aluwalia has

been asked to resign. Liz Dunbar, current Deputy Secretary of DSHS will serve as the interim Assistant Secretary. Secretary Arnold-Williams indicated that she intended to fill the position within 30 – 45 days and preferably with someone from inside the state who was familiar with the current system. When asked about Uma's resignation, both the Governor and the Secretary indicated that it was necessary to have someone in the leadership role who could move beyond the vision of what needed to be done to protect children and vulnerable adults and get the implementation accomplished. Both women described what was necessary as "getting back to basics".

The other highlights of the plans announced by the Secretary are as follow.

- (1) Seeing children sooner when there is a high-risk report of child abuse or neglect:
 - Acceleration of the Kids Come First reforms, including a requirement that DSHS child protection workers conduct a face-to-face visit within 24 hours of a high-risk report of child abuse or neglect. This will be effective April 29. (Prior policy allowed up to 10 days for the first visit.)
 - By August 1, DSHS workers will be required to have face-to-face contact with lower risk children within 72 hours.
 - By October 1, workers will be required to make follow-up visits within 30 days for children receiving in-home services.

- (2) Deploying headquarters staff to

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the field:

- Twenty-five people in Children' Administration headquarters are now available for redeployment to field positions to support services to children and families.

(3) Clarity and consistency in carrying out criminal background checks:

- DSHS conducts criminal background checks on applicants for jobs with DSHS and with licensed, contracted or certified providers of services to vulnerable people. In 2002, DSHS also conducted a review of criminal backgrounds of 13,314 people already employed by the agency in jobs with vulnerable people.
- The intent is to maintain a safe, environment for vulnerable people receiving state-supported social services.
- In response to recent incidents, Arnold-Williams has ordered a more comprehensive review of current DSHS policy and procedures as well as state statutes.
- She said DSHS, its manager and employees need clear standards, consistently applied. If necessary, DSHS will seek statutory change to make it clearer which crimes are disqualifying for jobs involving vulnerable people.

(4) A fresh look at DSHS operations and organization:

- Arnold-Williams said, "Issues and controversies go hand-in-hand with social services agencies because we deal with

people in crisis. In order to have the public's help and support in keeping vulnerable people safe, we need to have the public's trust.

- To help earn that trust, she said, "My focus will be on paying attention to the basics – defined expectations, clear lines of accountability, fiscal discipline, and data-driven decision making."
- The new Secretary is seeking out suggestions from DSHS and from others for ways to further improve the agency's services and operations and she will seek a short-term independent review to confirm what is working well and to identify what improvements are needed to enhance the agency's ability to move forward.

Both the Governor and the Secretary made a point of saying how important it was for the entire community to become engaged in protecting vulnerable adults and children. They especially pointed out the importance of working closely with local law enforcement and have sent out a letter asking for their help.

Hargrove and Cody Bills Almost Through the Process

Representative Cody's bill, E2SHB 1290, regarding the community mental health system is on its way to the Governor's desk for signature. The full House concurred with the Senate floor amendment which establishes the Request for Qualifications procedure by which the existing Regional Support Networks (RSNs) can demonstrate

they are substantially meeting a specified list of criteria and continue in their present form. If they fail to respond or meet the criteria, then DSHS can move on to a competitive Request for Proposal that may include other entities besides counties.

Senator Hargrove's bill, E2SSB 5763, went to a formal conference committee which met Wednesday, April 20. The conference committee signed the required conference report and the bill can be brought up for final passage as early as this Thursday afternoon on April 21 and then it too will go on the Governor's Office for signature. The 1/10th of a cent councilmanic sales tax option is back in the bill without voter approval. No amendments are allowed to a final conference committee report. Unfortunately, the bill still includes the last minute addition of an independent mental health ombuds person. Those Regional Support Networks with concerns about this provision need to send letters to the Governor asking her to veto that section. WSAC will also be asking for a veto as they have in past years when this issue was a free-standing bill.

There is no news on the budget but we are cautiously optimistic that we will get the full \$82 million restored after conversations with key legislators.

Boards and Commissions

Employee Retirement Benefits Board (ERBB) Seeks PERS Representative

The current term of office for an active Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) representative is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2005 and the ERBB is looking for nominees from organizations representing active PERS members. The term is from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008.

The ERBB is composed of twelve members appointed by the Governor. The Board specifically addresses issues related to PERS Plan 3 and the Deferred Compensation Program. They are looking for nominees who are Plan 3 members.

This is a Gubernatorial appointment. Nomination packets should be submitted to:

WSAC
Attn: Boards & Commissions
206 Tenth Av SE
Olympia WA 98501

Your packet MUST include an Application for Gubernatorial Appointment, a letter of interest (addressed to WSAC) and brief resume. Click on this link for application and additional information:

[Application and Information](#)

If you want to be considered for nomination please contact WSAC or WACO before May 23, 2005.

Courthouse Ramblings

Douglas County Treasurer **Mary Dodge** fell on Tuesday and broke her foot in several places. We wish her a speedy recovery! If you'd like to send best wishes, her address is 1494 Eastmont #3, East Wenatchee, WA 98808.

Calendar of Events

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
For your convenience training and workshops are bolded.			
<u>APRIL 2005</u>			
Washington STATE	Sine Die - 59 th Legislative Session Ends	April 25	http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) Spring Training Program	La Quinta Inn, Tacoma	April 27-29	(360) 753-2175
<u>MAY 2005</u>			
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys-Support Enforcement 2005 Training	Red Lion Hotel, Olympia	May 2-6	(360) 753-3953
WA State Association of County Auditors' Elections Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	May 9-12	(360) 753-7319
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Support Staff Training Program	WestCoast Ridpath Hotel, Spokane	May 11-13	(360) 753-2175
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	La Quinta Inn & Suites/Conference Center, Tacoma	May 17	(360) 586-7447
Assn of County Human Services	Kennewick	May 18-20	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Spring Eastern District	Red Lion Hotel Columbia Center, Kennewick	May 19-20	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	Best Western Lake Inn & Conference Center, Moses Lake	May 19	(360) 586-7447
WA State Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs' Spring Conference	Coast Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23-26	(360) 486-2380
NACo – Western Interstate Region Conference	Tacoma, WA	May 25 - 27	http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/About_NACo/Committees_and_Caucuses/Western_Interstate_Region/Western_Interstate_Region_Intro.htm
MEMORIAL DAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	May 30	(360) 753-1886
<u>JUNE 2005</u>			
WA State Assn of Local Public Health Officials	Davenport Hotel, Spokane	June 1 – 2	(360) 753-1886
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) District Court Training Program	Holiday Inn Select, Renton	June 2 - 3	(360) 753-2175
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' Annual Conference	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, Nevada	June 5-9	(360) 753-7319
WSAC Spring Western District	Red Lion Hotel, Kelso	June 9 - 10	www.wacounties.org/wsac
Washington State Association of County Assessors' Annual June Conference	Ellensburg Inn, Ellensburg	June 13-15	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Annual Conference	Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, Walla Walla	June 14-16	(360) 753-7319

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Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' (WACME) Annual Conference & Training	Campbell's Lodge, Chelan	June 20-21	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Clerks' Annual Conference	Red Lion Silverdale Hotel, Silverdale	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Annual Conference	Clarion Hotel, Yakima	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Annual Conference	Tri-Cities	June 21-24	(360) 753-7319
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Summer Training Program	Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan	June 22-24	(360) 753-2175
National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference	Louisville, Kentucky	June 25-29	(360) 753-7319
Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Annual Conference	San Antonio, Texas	June 26-29	(360) 753-7319
International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers' (IACREOT) 34th Annual Conference	New York, New York	June 29 – July 6	(360) 397-2003 or joanne.mcbride@clark.wa.gov
<u>JULY 2005</u>			
INDEPENDENCE DAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	July 4	(360) 753-1886
2 nd Annual Pend Oreille Valley Lavendar Festival	Pend Oreille County	July 9-10	http://www.co.pend-oreille.wa.us/
Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Annual Conference	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 13-14	www.pria.us
National Association of Clerks, Recorders and Elections Officials (NACRC) Annual Conference (with NACo)	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 15-17	www.nacrc.org
National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 15-19	www.naco.org
National District Attorneys' Association (NDAA) Annual Summer Conference	Portland, Maine	July 17-20	(360) 753-7319
Assn of County Human Services	Okanogan County	July 20-22	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Annual Board Workshop, 1 - 5 pm	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 20	(360) 586-7447
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Annual Board Meeting, 9 am	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 21	(360) 586-7447