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51st Annual WACO Conference to be held at Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, September 29-October 2! It's almost here – register now!

Conference Agenda and Registration is attached to this *Journal*.

Initiatives to Be Revisited at WACO Conference

WACO welcomes back Dr. Todd Donovan, a political science professor at Western Washington University, who will make a second appearance to address WACO members on the subject of citizen initiatives. Dr. Donovan first participated in a panel in 2001 aptly named "*Initiatives: Wildly popular or widely abused?*" At the September 30 luncheon during WACO's 51st Annual Conference he will give his latest perspective after eight years and a long list of ballot measures.

Dr. Donovan's extensive research has focused on elections, the rules that structure elections, ballot initiatives and the forces that shape voter decisions. He also discusses how voters gather information about citizen-initiated referendums and shares an analysis of voter behavior. His latest books are "*Reforming the Republic: Democratic Institutions for the New America*" and "*Electoral Reform and Minority Representation: Local Experiments with Alternative Elections.*"

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Treasurers Invite WACO Members to Attend Initiative 1033 Panel

From Bob Lothspeich, WSACT President and Whitman County Treasurer

The Washington State Association of County Treasurers (WSACT) will be having a panel discussion at the 51st Annual WACO conference in Blaine **Thursday, October 1**. The panel is to discuss Initiative 1033, Tim Eyman's spending limitation initiative, that establishes "lower property tax accounts" in the state, counties and cities. It will be from **10:15 a.m. to noon in the Cypress/Orcas meeting room** at Semiahmoo Resort.

The following individuals will serve on the panel discussion: Remy Trupin, Executive Director, Washington State Budget and Policy Center; Dr. Kriss Sjoblom, Vice President, Washington Research Council; Glenn Olson, Clark County Deputy County Administrator; Alice Ostdiek, Public Finance Attorneys, Foster Pepper; and a yet to be named representative from Seattle-Northwest Securities.

All WACO members are cordially invited to attend this panel discussion. Those of us who attend should be able to walk away with a firm understanding of the financial impacts this initiative will have on state, counties and cities if it passes, at the conclusion of the panel session. We have made arrangements for a room that should accommodate all of those who wish to attend.

I hope that you and your membership can make time to attend this extremely informative panel discussion.

Retiring Assessor Honored for Service

Retired Skagit County Assessor Mark Leander, credited for holding "the toughest job in the county" for almost 15 years, was publicly honored Tuesday by county commissioners and co-workers.

Those who stood up to speak about Leander at Tuesday's meeting praised his innovations and his fairness. His last act as assessor was to update the computer system for the assessor and treasurer's offices. Leander delayed his retirement by two months to see the installation through.



Mark Leander receives a standing ovation from those attending a ceremony honoring his 15 years of service as Skagit County Assessor Tuesday morning in the commissioners hearing room. At left is Mark's wife Barbara Leander.

Legislative Committee Schedules and Agendas:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

Bill Information: www.leg.wa.gov

"There's no one that has worked harder and had a higher level of professionalism than Mark," Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt said.

Dahlstedt called Leander's position "the toughest job in the county."

"The county commissioners, we set the tax bill, and Mark has to go out and tell everybody what share of it they get to pay," Dahlstedt said.

Leander's tenure wasn't free from public criticism. Hundreds of disgruntled property owners expressed shock last year over increases to their property values that came shortly after a crash in the housing market. But Leander said the public generally supported him.

"I worked really hard to make the system as fair and equitable as state law would allow, and I think that came through," he said at the meeting Tuesday. "I appreciated the respect I had from folks. That's something that assessors don't always have."

Leander decided to leave office one year before the end of his term because of complications arising from his treatments for brain cancer. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2006 but was declared cancer-free after treatment.

"I'm leaving because I'm old enough, and I've fought health issues long enough," said Leander, 56. "I'm going to stay home and play in the garden."

The county commissioners hope to name Leander's successor by Oct. 1. The three candidates, former marine-industry executive Joe Franett, former county commissioner Don Munks and Deputy Assessor Dave Thomas will give public presentations in the commissioners' hearing room at 3 p.m. on Sept. 14.

Washington State Association of Counties Annual Conference Coming, November 17-20, 2009

Online registration will go live late next week. The conference rate hotel block will be available at the same time. Look for an email announcement mid next week with the exact date and time you will be able to register. We look forward to seeing you in King County on November 17-20!

WSAC Board of Directors to meet September 18 at Grant County Courthouse

The WSAC Board of Directors, led by WSAC President Lynda Ring Erickson, will meet September 18 at the Grant County Courthouse. Major items include:

1. Review of proposed changes to WSAC Bylaws
2. Review of proposed 2010 Operations and Special Fund Budgets
3. Review of proposed 2010 General and Transportation Dues
4. WA Counties Property and Building Report
5. Staff and Board Member Reports

For more information, please visit the WSAC website – www.wacounties.org/wsac .

Environment, Land Use & Resources

Wetland Mitigation Banks, Chapter 173-700 WAC

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted a new rule for wetland mitigation banks on September 3, 2009. The purpose of the rule is to provide an efficient, predictable framework to certify, operate, and monitor wetland mitigation banks across the state.

The proposed rule was published for public review and comment in the Washington State Register on March 18, 2009. Ecology also issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the State Environmental Policy Act, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS), and a Preliminary Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) as part of the public comment process. Ecology accepted public comments on the proposed rule, EIS, SBEIS, and CBA documents until 5:00 pm on April 23, 2009.

Public Comments Received

Ecology has reviewed all of the comments received during the public comment period. The agency's responses to those comments are published in a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES) and as part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS).

The final rule language, CES, and Final EIS are posted on this web page. All rule-making documents are posted on [Ecology's rules web page](#).

Important Dates

- Adoption Date: September 3, 2009
- Effective Date: October 4, 2009

Documents

- [WAC 173-700 Rule Text](#) (Adopted Version, PDF, 214 kB)
- [Concise Explanatory Statement](#)
- [Final Environmental Impact Statement](#)

Questions

- If you have any questions about the rule adoption, contact [Yolanda Holder](#) at (360) 407-7186.
- If you have any questions about the Final EIS, contact [Kate Thompson](#) at (360) 407-6749.

Background Information

What approach was used to write and review the draft rule? Ecology used a collaborative approach to develop and review the draft wetland mitigation bank rule (WAC 173-700). An 18-member [advisors group](#) was formed and throughout the rule development process the group played a pivotal role by adding diverse viewpoints from local, state, and federal agencies; environmental interests; private bank development; agricultural concerns; and business. Under the Administrative Procedures Act ([Chapter 34.05 RCW](#)), an agency may test a rule before it is formally adopted. The draft rule was tested through a pilot program that was authorized in 2004. The pilot program focused on essentially two processes:

- How will mitigation banks be certified
- How will mitigation banks be implemented? (Debiting from banks will occur through existing permitting processes.)

During the pilot program the advisors group analyzed the draft rule and identified necessary revisions. For more information on the pilot program, [click here](#).

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Economic Recovery Projects for Forest Health Protection

78 projects in 20 States and the District of Columbia will receive a total of \$89 million to address problems caused by fire, insects, invasive species and disease

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for forest health protection projects. These 78 projects will receive almost \$89 million and are located on forested lands in 30 states. This funding will be used to restore forest health conditions on Federal, State, and private forest and rangelands recovering from fires, forest insects and disease outbreaks. These conditions weaken affected lands and threaten the benefits these lands provide, including clean water, clean air, habitat for wildlife, resistance to wildfire, and recreational opportunities for the public.

"These Recovery Act projects will put people to work and advance the Obama Administration's vision for a balanced and cooperative approach to forest management that will provide for public health and safety by restoring forestlands and rangelands damaged by insects, disease, and invasive species," said Vilsack. "Proper forest management helps protect our forests for the benefit of current and future generations by restoring the vitality and productivity of the land."

These Recovery Act funds will be used to complete high priority projects to restore forest health and resiliency by reducing insect and disease problems. Among the projects announced today will be efforts to thin understory trees and control spread of pests, which will reduce the risk of massive forest die-offs. Epidemic insect outbreaks, such as hemlock woody adelgid, Asian longhorn beetle and bark beetles have killed large expanses of forests and threaten to kill more. Additionally, workers will undertake efforts to control the spread of invasive plants by hand and with machinery, thus protecting and restoring healthy ecosystems. Invasive plants such as Cogan Grass, leafy spurge and cheatgrass threaten ecosystems by out-competing and displacing native plants.

Finally, the funds will also help provide technical and financial assistance for care of lands owned by States, local governments, private organizations, and private individuals. These activities will protect highly valued forested areas, reduce the risks of vegetation mortality, increase landscape resilience, and prevent future disease and insect outbreaks.

A listing of the forest health protection projects and information on other Forest Service ARRA projects can be found at <http://fs.usda.gov/recovery>.

Wildland Fire Management - Forest Health (by State)

Alaska – 5 projects – \$3,911,000	Nevada – 1 project – \$494,000
Arizona – 4 projects – \$3,638,000	New York – 1 project – \$763,000
California – 4 projects – \$10,710,000	Oregon – 11 projects – \$17,432,000
Colorado – 1 project – \$1,500,000	Pennsylvania – 2 projects – \$2,154,000
District of Columbia – 2 – \$2,782,000	Rhode Island – 1 project – \$449,000
Delaware – 1 project – \$895,000	South Carolina – 1 project – \$897,000
Florida – 1 project – \$1,570,000	Tennessee – 1 project – \$160,000
Georgia – 1 project – \$897,000	Virginia – 2 projects – \$1,076,000
Iowa – 1 project – \$449,000	Vermont – 1 project – \$567,000
Idaho – 5 projects – \$4,403,700	Washington – 7 projects – \$4,732,000
Illinois – 2 projects – \$2,872,000	Wildland Fire Management - Forest Health (Multi-state)
Massachusetts – 1 project – \$4,487,000	Alaska; California; Oregon; Washington; Hawaii – 1 project – \$1,795,000
Maryland – 2 projects – \$1,974,000	California; Hawaii – 1 project – \$2,190,000
Michigan – 2 projects – \$2,443,000	California; Oregon – 1 project – \$2,240,000
Mississippi – 1 project – \$897,000	Michigan; Ohio – 1 project – \$2,244,000
Montana – 5 projects – \$3,923,000	Total – 78 projects - \$89,321,700
North Carolina – 4 projects – \$2,802,000	
New Jersey – 4 projects – \$1,975,000	

Association News

Lindquist Gets Nod as Pierce County Prosecutor

by David Wickert, The News Tribune, 9/2/2009

Starts immediately: Council's vote is unanimous

The Pierce County Council named Mark Lindquist to be the next county prosecuting attorney on Tuesday.

The unanimous vote means Lindquist – currently the office's chief criminal deputy – replaces Gerald Horne, who is retiring as prosecuting attorney after nine years. Lindquist was sworn in during Tuesday's council meeting and assumes the job immediately.

Lindquist said his top priority is ensuring that Pierce County lives up to a reputation for "putting away the bad guys for long sentences."

He also pledged to fight to make sure the county gets only its fair share of state prisoners, to reduce a backlog of felony cases and to "deliver the most bang for the taxpayer's buck."

"I am going to run an office that's professional, nonpartisan and serves the public well," Lindquist told the council Tuesday.

Because Horne is a Democrat, state law required the council to pick his successor from among nominees submitted by the local Democratic Party. Democrats also nominated Mary Robnett, supervisor of the Prosecuting Attorney Office's special assault unit, and Pat Hammond, supervisor of the misdemeanor domestic violence unit.

But it's been apparent since Horne announced his retirement in February that Lindquist was likely to get the job.

Robnett and Hammond – both Democratic Party precinct committee officers – supported Lindquist for the job. On Tuesday each informed the council they preferred not to be considered for the post.

The council appointed Lindquist to fill out the remainder of Horne's term as prosecutor. The timing of Horne's retirement allows Lindquist to get a head start on the 2010 election for the post.

Lindquist has been with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for 14 years. He served as chief of the drug unit from 2004 through 2008. Earlier this year Horne promoted him to chief criminal deputy.

As prosecutor, Lindquist will oversee a staff of about 230 employees and a budget of about \$26 million. Lindquist, 50, lives in Tacoma with his wife, Chelsea.

Elections Office Moving Out of Flood Zone to Boeing Field

by Keith Ervin, Seattle Times, 9/09/2009

Due to potential flood risk, King County Elections headquarters will move over the next four weeks from its building in Renton to a temporary site at Boeing Field, Elections Director Sherril Huff told the Metropolitan King County Council today.

Huff said the move is necessary in order to guarantee the county is able to count votes in the Nov. 3 election even if the Green River overflows its banks because of the reduced capacity of the damaged Howard Hanson Dam.

"There's really no good side to this story," Huff said after telling the council that she intends to have all essential election functions moved into the county-owned Airport Office Center on Marginal Way by the first or second week of October.

Huff said her office's move to the airport will cost more than \$1 million, but she doesn't yet know the precise cost.

County Councilmember Julia Patterson of SeaTac, whose district includes much of the lower Green River Valley, agreed Elections must move in order to guarantee a full count of the November election, but warned the move could have "a chilling effect" on business activity in one of the state's most important warehousing and manufacturing districts.

"I think it's almost like a canary in the coal mine for what could happen if people become fearful," Patterson said.

Water has been seeping through an abutment on one side of the earth-and-rock Howard Hanson Dam, prompting the Army Corps of Engineers to limit how much water the dam can hold while it makes emergency repairs.

Low-lying parts of Kent, Renton, Auburn and Tukwila could be flooded if winter storms force the Corps to release large amounts of water from the reservoir.

Contractors are already doing electrical work and remodeling of the airport building where the Elections office will be located. The building served as an election annex from 2005 to 2007.

The alternative to moving — building a \$5 million flood wall to protect the county's existing election headquarters on Grady Way from water up 10 feet deep — would still leave the building unusable because workers wouldn't be able to get to the building, Huff said.

County Executive Kurt Triplett plans to ask the council as early as this week for a supplemental appropriation to guarantee that Elections, the animal shelter, courts and jail in Kent and land-use offices in Renton can operate at other locations in the event of a flood.

Natasha Jones, a spokeswoman for Triplett, said the first steps toward moving Elections and Animal Control must begin even before the appropriation is approved.

Several County Council members said they support moving the election headquarters to the airport, but expressed concern it might have to move again if the dam remains compromised for several years. The Federal Aviation Administration may require King County to lease its airport building to an aviation-related tenant next year.

Clark County First in State to Weatherize Home Using Reinvestment Funds

Clark County marked a milestone recently with the final inspection of a home weatherized through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. The project marks the first in the state to be completed through ARRA funding.

The full title of the Act reads: "An act making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state and local fiscal stabilization."

Weatherization projects exemplify all of the goals intended in the Act.

Stimulus funds have preserved and created new jobs with the lead contractor, RichArt; energy efficiency is gained with the completion of each project; some unemployed may receive job training and are later employed thus helping to stabilize the economy, both locally and statewide.

"I've got a job now. I'm able to have a house and pay the bills and a little extra spending money which is nice. I like my job. It's pretty nice and gets the bills paid," said Preston Brown, recently hired by RichArt.

The stimulus funds have also arrived at a good time for RichArt.

"As Preston gets more efficient we will give him more responsibility so that he can advance more in the company. He will do more than just installing. It will be an opportunity to do more of the technical stuff also," said David Pinkston, manager of the weatherization program at RichArt.

Brandy White, the consumer who qualified for the weatherization work, said she is an environmentalist and likes the idea of saving energy but, after her work hours were recently reduced, is most pleased that she can apply energy cost savings to necessities.

To date, ARRA funding has created six new jobs at RichArt and will provide funding for the weatherization of 400 homes in Clark County through April 2011.

It is anticipated that an additional 34 units will be weatherized by mid-October.

Training & Upcoming Events

Washington Counties – [wacounties.org/Calendar of Events](http://wacounties.org/Calendar%20of%20Events)

County Training Institute – www.countytraininginstitute.org

Courthouse Ramblings

Jim Buck, the Director of Executive Services in King County, is retiring this month and we will miss him. Although Jim has technically not been a WACO member since he became Director, he has been a long-time friend of WACO and a member during his 30+ years of service in King County. Jim served on the WACO Board from 1995 through 2001 while Manager of Licensing and Regulatory Services in King County.

His many talents extend well beyond those he gives to King County. Anytime we need some background material for other retirements or *the Courthouse Journal*, we can always call and ask Jim, "What happened in 1969? 72? 84?" and he'll give us all the trivia for that year -- plus the baseball scores!"

Jim, we wish you the best!

Good Things

Chimacum's Huntingford Clan Wins \$2.1 Million Lottery Jackpot

by Erik Hidle, Peninsula Daily News, 9/4/2009

George Huntingford Sr., 92, played the same lottery numbers for about 18 years before they won him \$2.1 million.

"When I found out I had diabetes, I had to quit drinking and eating so much sugar," the Chimacum man said Thursday.

"So I took that money, picked out some numbers and played the lottery every once in a while. It went to the schools, so it was a good donation to the state."

Those numbers he selected 18 years ago, 3-10-21-25-43-45, were the winning numbers of Saturday's \$2.1 million jackpot.

His \$1 ticket, purchased at Chimacum Chevron, turned out to be quite an investment.

He's giving the money to his sons, Howard Huntingford and George Huntingford Jr.

'Yup, we got 'em'

"I read Dad the winning lotto numbers the morning after the drawing and he said to me, 'Yup, we got 'em,' and that was that," Howard Huntingford said.

"Today my brother, George Jr., and I went down to Olympia, and they gave us the check."

The two opted for annual payments, and will split \$63,000 after taxes each year for 25 years.

George Sr. said he purchased the ticket for his sons because they had seen some rough times.

"Howard hurt his knee awhile back, and George Jr. just recently had a heart attack," said their father.

"Then they had to sell the dairy farm, and they have been without work, so this is a good thing."

In 2004, Howard and George Huntingford Jr. sold Gee Jem Dairy, which they had worked for decades.

"That was rough," said Howard Huntingford. "I remember thinking that all I wanted was a job.

"I had about \$15,000 that I've been living off of since then, staying at the house and helping Dad with things.

"I guess this takes off a lot of stress."

Buy car, cows

Howard Huntingford said the first thing he plans to buy is a car, but not a new one. He also wants to buy a few cows to take care of, but not a full dairy farm.

George Huntingford Sr., meanwhile, said he doesn't intend to keep any of the money.

"I just bought it," he said. "It's their ticket, but I guess I still won, so that's something."

George Huntingford Sr. said the last thing he had won was an election, referring to his days as a Jefferson County commissioner from 1946 to 1972.

A nephew, Glen Huntingford, also served as a county commissioner. His service was for 12 years, from 1992 to 2004.

Lottery Communication Director Jacque Coe, declined to confirm the identity of the Lotto winners, saying more paperwork had to be completed, but did say the winners were from Jefferson County.

First in county since 1992

Coe said the jackpot was the first to be won in Jefferson County since 1992, when Jacqueline Trimmer of Brinnon won \$6 million from the state lottery.

Meanwhile, one of the owners of the Chimacum Chevron said she is thrilled to hear that the winner is local.

"I've had my fingers crossed that it would be someone local," said YC Grimaud, co-owner of the family-run Chevron station.

"I really like hearing that it's a local person, and that the money will stay here in the county."

The store will receive 1 percent of the winnings, or \$21,000, for selling the winning ticket.

51st Annual WACO Conference

September 29 - October 2, 2009

Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Training – Class Instructor: P. Michael Murphy, MBA, DBA, Coroner	Cypress
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Blakely Foyer
9:00 am - 10:00 am	WACO Audit Committee Meeting	Blakely
9:00 am - 10:00 am	WACO Personnel Committee Meeting	Blakely
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	WACO Board of Trustees' Luncheon Meeting Presentation of Affiliate Legislative Proposals	Blakely
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Affiliate Meetings/Joint Affiliate Meetings	
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Assessors' Meeting	Lopez
1:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Clerks' Meeting	Victoria
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Auditors' Meeting	Saltspring
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Methamphetamine Pilot Counties Summit (Clerks, Prosecutors and Sheriffs)	Saturna
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	WACME Dinner & Business Meeting	Blakely

Wednesday, September 30

7:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Blakely Foyer
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	Cypress/Orcas
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Opening General Session Call to Order – President Judi Morris, Jefferson County Treasurer Presentation of Colors	Cypress/Orcas

Pledge of Allegiance
 National Anthem
 Introductions
 Welcome — Seth Fleetwood, Chair, Whatcom County Council
 Whatcom County Historian

9:30 am - 11:30 am	WACO Business Meeting Archives Oversight Committee Report — Jerry Pettit, Kittitas Co Auditor, Chair County Training Institute Report — Lisa Frazier, Education Chair Washington Counties Scholarship Fund — Robin Chase, WACO Financial Operations Manager Introduction of Bids for 2012 Conference (Eastside) Presentation of WACO Affiliate Legislative Proposals Nominating Committee Report — Bob Lothspeich, Whitman County Treasurer Introduction of Candidates for WACO Board of Trustees — Bob Lothspeich, Whitman Co Treasurer Polls Open	Cypress/Orcas
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break	
Noon - 1:30 pm	Luncheon — Guest Speaker: Dr. Todd Donovan, Professor of Political Science, Western Washington University - “Initiatives Revisited: “Wildly Popular or Widely Abused?”	Cypress/Orcas
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	General Session (continued) “Communicator Styles” Training - Trainer: Rhonda Hilyer	Cypress/Orcas
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Break	
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorney’s Board Meeting	Board Room
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	President’s Reception Honoring Judi Morris	Blakely

Thursday, October 1

6:30 am	Walk/Run - (Meet at WACO Registration table, Coffee available at 6:00 am)	Blakely Foyer
8:00 am- 1:00 pm	Registration Open	Blakely Foyer
8:00 am- 8:30 pm	Breakfast Buffet	Cypress/Orcas
8:30 am- 10:00 am	“Defining the Boundaries of Elected Officials” - Jim Nagle, Walla Walla County Prosecutor & Steve Lowe, Franklin County Prosecutor	Cypress/Orcas
10:00 am- 5:00 pm	Auditors’ Meeting	Blakely
10:00 am- 5:00 pm	Clerks’ Meeting	Victoria
10:00 am- 4:00 pm	Coroners’ Meeting	Salt Spring

10:00 am- 4:00 pm	Prosecutors' Meeting	Lopez/Pender
10:00 am- 4:00 pm	Sheriffs' Meeting	Saturna
10:15 am- Noon	Treasurers' Panel on *Initiative-1033 (open to all conference attendees)	Cypress/Orcas
12:15 pm	Polls Close	
1:30 pm- 3:00 pm	Joint Meeting of Assessors, Auditors and Treasurers	Cypress/Orcas
2:45 pm- 3:15 pm	Afternoon break	
3:00 pm- 4:00 pm	Assessors' Meeting	Board Room
3:15 pm- 5:00 pm	Treasurers' Meeting	Discovery Theater
4:00 pm- 5:00 pm	Joint Meeting of Prosecutors and Sheriffs	Lopez/Pender
6:00 pm	No Host Social	Cypress/Orcas
7:00 pm	Annual Banquet Installation of Officers — Jack Westerman III, Jefferson County Assessor Recognition of County Officials Moving On Awards Entertainment	Cypress/Orcas

Friday, October 2

8:00 am - 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting Call to Order — President Judi Morris Annual Report of the President Financial Report Adoption of 2010 Legislative Package 2012 Conference Site Selection (Eastside) Memorial and Resolutions Adjourn	Blakely
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*WACO is prohibited from taking a position supporting or opposing any person or item on the ballot for a public vote. This panel is offered as an informational and educational session and is not intended to show support or opposition relating to Initiative 1033. Every effort has been made to ensure that presenters offer unbiased policy perspectives and that this presentation not be a platform to voice support or opposition to Initiative 1033.

“Pre-Conference” Happenings Around Semiahmoo

Monday, September 28

Noon

WACO-Whatco Golf Tournament

Loomis Trail Golf Course

The WACO Conference, Whatcom County Host Officials, and the Resort at Semiahmoo, invite you to vacation and play at one of the nation's premier golf venues. Loomis Trail Golf Course is the #1 public golf course in Washington as rated by *Golf Digest*, 2005. It's also the only course in Washington State to make the nation's Top 100. The scenic beauty is unsurpassed, and the consistently smooth, fast, and true greens put Loomis trail among the Northwest's finest courses. An extensive canal and lake system brings water into play on all 18 holes, giving Loomis Trail one of the highest slope ratings in the state. Location: 4342 Loomis Trail Rd, Blaine, WA 98230-9787. For more information, contact Keith Willnauer, Whatcom County Assessor at (360) 676-6790 or e-mail at: kwillnau@co.whatcom.wa.us.

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Archives Oversight Committee Meeting

NW Regional Archives

Located at 808 25th Street on the Western Washington University Campus. For more information please contact Jerry Pettit, Kittitas County Auditor, Chair at (509) 962-7504 or e-mail at: jerry.pettit@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am - 10:00 am

HAVA Board Meeting

Board Room

For more information, please contact Lori Guerrero, HAVA Coordinator, at (360) 902-4169 or lguerrero@secstate.wa.gov.

Registration

51st Annual WACO Conference, September 29 to October 2, Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA

Name _____ Phone: _____

Title _____ E-mail: _____

County or Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse/Guest Name (for name badge if attending any event) _____

Conference Registration

_____ \$275 *Full Registration (Fee is not reduced for meals not consumed)

Single-Day Registrations:

_____ \$ 25 Tuesday, September 29

_____ \$150 Wednesday, September 30

_____ \$100 Thursday, October 1

_____ \$ 25 Friday, October 2

Spouse/Guest Registration:

_____ \$30 Breakfast, Wednesday, September 30

_____ \$35 Luncheon, Wednesday, September 30

_____ \$35 President's Reception, Wednesday, September 30

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