



COUNTY LEADERS CONFERENCE

Nov. 17-19, 2026

Tacoma Convention Center

Pierce County

HOSTED BY
THE WASHINGTON STATE
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Preliminary Agenda **Details are Subject to Change*

Tuesday, November 17

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration & Information Center Open
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Timber and Public Lands Counties Caucus Meeting
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	SWISS Affiliate Meeting
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet Available
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	WSACE Board Meeting
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	WSAC Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	WACSWM Affiliate Meeting
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	WSACE Business Meeting
3:15 PM – 6:00 PM	Legislative Steering Committee Meeting
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception (Sponsored by NextEra Energy)

Wednesday, November 18

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration & Information Center
7:45 AM – 4:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Available

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8:00 AM – 8:50 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS TBA When a Battery Storage Project Comes to Your County, A Practical Guidance for Local Officials Visible. Vocal. Vital. Leading Change with Impact
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	WACSWM Affiliate Meeting
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	WSACE Affiliate Meeting
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	WSACRPD Affiliate Meeting
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS TBA Restoring Buildings, Restoring Lives: Transitional Housing Through Adaptive Reuse Supported Employment in County Government
9:50 AM – 10:15 AM	AM Break and Snack - Network with Exhibitors
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS Future Ready: Designing Retirement Plans for Every Generation Road Usage Charge Update Provider Resources WA: Communication resources help free up agencies to focus on residents
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS Annexation by Interlocal Agreement Using Artificial Intelligence Today and Where It Can Take Your County Tomorrow What Counties Need to Know About the Local News Crisis, and What's Being Done About It
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Opening Luncheon

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Under Pressure: The Liability Crisis Hitting Every County

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

PM Break and Snack - Network with Exhibitors

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Columbia River Caucus Meeting

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Coastal Caucus Meeting

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

WCAA Affiliate Meeting

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

WSU Wine & Cheese Reception

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

County Night Out at Foss Waterway Seaport

Thursday, November 19

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Registration & Information Center

7:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast Buffet Available

8:00 AM – 9:20 AM

GENERAL SESSION

**Economic Forecast with Dr. Christopher Thornberg,
Beacon Economics**

**State of the Counties Report, University of
Washington**

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Joint Transportation Committee Meeting

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

State of the Counties Deep Dive

**Resources for Navigating the Changing Energy
Landscape**

**Don't Let Knowledge Retire: Data-Driven Facility
Continuity Planning**

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10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Succession Planning in the Public Sector: People leave - are you prepared?

Pathways to Employee Wellbeing

Moving from Climate Plans to Action Across Scales

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Hot Topics in Land Use & Environmental Law

From Policy to Practice: Building a Resilient Foundation for Generative and Agentic AI adoption in State Government

County Transportation Funding Challenges & Needs

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

County Awards Luncheon (Sponsored by Comcast)

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

WSAC General Membership Meeting