NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS POLICY SUNSET PROCESS

BACKGROUND

Responding to board member concerns about time involved in the annual policy review process, the NACD Executive Board approved a draft Bylaws amendment in November 2017 that addressed the sunsetting of policies in the NACD Policy Book. During the 2018 Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN, the NACD Board of Directors voted to approve the following NACD Bylaws amendment establishing the sunset process.

9.302 All substantive policy resolutions adopted at an Annual Meeting or policy with a review date shall cease to be of force and effect at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in the fifth year following the resolution's adoption or review date unless action is taken by the Board of Directors to extend the life of the resolution by a majority vote.
9.303 All policy will be designated as either operational policy (OP) or have the sunset year assigned to it based on 9.302. The Executive Committee shall be the decision-making body with regard to the determination of Operational Policy or Sunset Dates. Policy designated as operational policy shall not be subject to 9.302. All policy subject to a sunset date shall be distributed for review by the summer meeting the year before the scheduled Annual Meeting at which it will cease to be of force and effect.

NACD Policy Book highlighting sunsetting policies distributed to NACD Board



NACD Board Members challenge sunsetting of policies by November 2nd



Challenged sunsets submitted to NACD Board in November



NACD Foundation Committees review challenged sunsets through Resolutions Hearings



NACD Board Members vote to keep challenged sunsets; non-challenged sunsetting policies archived

SUNSET CHALLENGE PROCESS

- NACD Board Members can challenge the sunsetting of one or more policies online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9YNZ986.
 Challenges must state the specific sunsetting policy(ies) and reason(s) to retain.
- The deadline to challenge sunsetting policies is November 2, 2020.
- A document showing sunsetting-challenged policies with the reason will be sent to the NACD Board in November.
- Any sunsetting-challenged policies with proposed edits will need to be submitted as resolutions by the December 31, 2020 deadline.
- Board members wishing to submit resolutions replacing non-challenged sunsetting policies will be able to do so until December 31, 2020 through state associations, NACD Region Boards and/or NACD Foundation Committees.
- Sunsetting-challenged policies with no edits will be compiled for each Resolution Hearing. Board members in the Hearing may ask to pull any policy for discussion and action. All others will be voted 'yea' or 'nay' as a group and forwarded to the Board of Directors in a Policy Retention List.
- Those pulled for discussion will be voted 'yea' or 'nay' individually and forwarded as above.
- The NACD Policy Book will be updated after the 2021 Annual Meeting.