



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Resolution No. 2018-04

Title: Addressing State Policy on Water Quantity and Availability

Problem: Water is extremely important for Washington agriculture both on the eastside and the westside. In order to have farms of all sizes remain competitive; it is absolutely key to have water available for intensive agriculture especially as farms are sometimes being divided into smaller parcels. The Legislative fix in the 2018 session (R.C.W. 19.27.097) to the Hirst Supreme Court decision still contains uncertainty as to D.O.E. outcomes in many W.R.I.A.'s. Some W.R.I.A.s including #26 / Cowlitz were not addressed at all.

Recommendation: WACD and WSCC to each designate a person to track the implementation of this R.C.W. and communicate to all 45 Washington State Conservation Districts the status in each W.R.I.A to the Conservation district or multiple Conservation Districts in that watershed. This needs a coordinated approach to this statewide issue, which can be different by watershed.

Presented By: Cowlitz Conservation District

Approved by the Southwest Area on 10/11/18

Referred to the Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies Committee

Recommended DO PASS on 11/26/18

Adopted on 11/28/18