



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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**Resolution No. 2018- 06**

**Title:** Allow Local Foods to be Purchased for Public Meeting Refreshments

**Problem:** Washington State agriculture has enjoyed a renaissance of locally grown and marketed foods over the past decade. These products are typically grown by new and beginning farmers on smaller acreage farms who have carved a niche market for their products.

Washington State agencies often have public meetings and workshops to gather public input, explain new policies and laws being proposed or recently enacted, or for other reasons to improve public discourse on policy issues. During these workshops public entities are allowed to offer light refreshments to meeting participants.

Locally produced agricultural products should be specifically allowed in state law as an eligible expense for light refreshments at public meetings if the product source is identified by the meeting hosts to inform attendees of the availability of the local products.

**Recommendation:** WACD shall work with the Washington State Conservation Commission, other agencies as they deem appropriate, and the Governor's office to make this support of locally grown agriculture possible.

**Presented by:** Okanogan Conservation District

Approved by the North Central Area Association on 10/16/18  
Assigned to the Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies Committees  
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