



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

**Resolution 2019-12** Support CD funding for implementing Community Resiliency Programs

**SPONSOR CD:** Okanogan and Skagit Conservation Districts

**AREA:** NW SW NC SC NE SE

**RESOLUTION TYPE:**

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

**RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY**

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STAGE AGENCY      Department of Natural Resources, Governor, WA Leg
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

Washington State has experienced increasing impacts from wildfires in recent years. As communities grow, population increases, and more people develop lands that are near or in wildfire prone areas, impacts to residents, businesses, and entire communities becomes more severe.

The Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) published their "Washington State Wildland Fire Protection 10-Year Strategic Plan" this year. The plan has four broad goals that call for action including, but not limited to, increasing preparedness and landscape resilience, improving community awareness, building upon post-fire recovery efforts, and ensuring fire response is appropriate and timely. The plan acknowledges that to be effective DNR must engage partners, communities, and individuals to recognize needs and implement change. Many of the goals are tasks that Districts are already working on or prepared to do so, if funding and other resources become available.

Districts are uniquely situated to be a valuable resource for DNR and our communities throughout Washington State. Unfortunately, Districts have not received adequate funding to put staff to work in their communities and partnering with others to implement on-the-ground changes.

**= RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:**

WACD shall work with the Governor and the Washington State Legislature to support funding to conservation districts for implementing community resiliency programs, fire fuels reduction, forest health, and fire recovery work that is carried out in partnership with the Washington Department of Natural Resources and other partners.



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**TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION**

- Technical (changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes **NO** substantive change(s) to the existing policy.
- Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.
- New policy.

**IS THERE A BUDGET IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?**

- NO**
- YES** (briefly explain):