



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Resolution 2019-13 Addressing State Policy on Water Quantity and Availability

SPONSOR CD: Cowlitz Conservation District

AREA: NW SW NC SC NE SE

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STAGE AGENCY _____
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: 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 (RCW 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 including #26 / Cowlitz were not addressed at all.

RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: WACD and WSCC to 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.

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):