



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

2019 WACD Resolutions

Resolution	Title	Author/District	Committee Assignment
2019-02	Grazing CRP as a Mid-Management Practice	Whitman CD	Natural Resources Policy Committee
RESOLUTION: To rejuvenate CRP stands and reduce fuel loads, proscribed grazing should be added as an eligible mid-contract maintenance practice.			
2019-03	Loss of Crop Protection Products	Palouse CD	Natural Resources Policy Committee
RESOLUTION: NACD supports retaining crop protection products until suitable replacements are found coupled with education on the benefits of these products.			
2019-04	Identifying on-farm renewable energy development/use & soil health practice adoption as high priority goals.	Whatcom and Spokane CDs	Nat. Resources Committee/ Leg., Bylaws, & District Policy Committee
RESOLUTION: The Washington Association of Conservation Districts supports increased adoption of soil health systems as well as the development and use of renewable energy sources by farmers and other landowners within the State of Washington. The WACD Board, Executive Director and Lobbyist shall participate in discussions likely to lead to legislation or WSCC funding packages to ensure that conservation districts are integral to the delivery of technical and financial assistance, on a voluntary basis, implement soil health practices; and develop and use on-farm renewable energy sources.			
2019-05	Support legislation to restrict out of basin water transfers.	Okanogan CD	Nat. Resources Committee/ Leg., Bylaws, & District Policy Committee
RESOLUTION: WACD shall support legislation, rulemaking, and agency policy that restricts, inhibits, or denies the transfer of water rights outside of the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) in which they are originally located.			
2019-06	Support legislation to authorize rangeland fire protection districts.	Okanogan CD	Nat. Resources Committee/ Leg., Bylaws, & District Policy Committee
RESOLUTION: WACD shall support legislation that authorizes and supports the creation of rangeland fire protection districts in Washington State.			
2019-07	Community Forest Bill	Central Klickitat CD	Nat. Resources Committee/ Leg., Bylaws, & District Policy Committee
RESOLUTION: WACD supports the Community Forest bill to include conservation district eligibility and working lands philosophy, its passage and implementation by the WA Legislature that will foster equity and inclusion in community forest funding opportunities. The resulting program shall be developed to foster local leadership and management in rural communities.			



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2019-08	Improving Association & District Governance Processes	Whatcom, King, Spokane CDs	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: The WACD Board shall identify an effective model of governance and work to implement it completely. Further, WACD shall advocate to the WSCC that it supports all districts interested in improving district governance and additionally provide continuing education to supervisors and managers in its implementation to attain and maintain a high level of competency and performance.			
2019-11	Improve Hydraulic Permit Approval Statue	King, Okanogan, and Mason CDs	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: Resolved, WACD shall work with WDFW, WSCC, conservation districts, and legislators to support the passage of this bill as a top priority of the Association.			
2019-12	Support CD funding for implementing Community Resiliency Programs	Okanogan and Skagit CDs	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: 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.			
2019-13	Addressing State Policy on Water Quantity and Availability	Cowlitz CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD and WSCC to designate a person to track the implementation of R.C.W. 90.94 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.			
2019-14	WSCC Criteria for Allegations Against Supervisors	Thurston CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD work with WSCC to draft a policy for consideration by the WSCC establishing criteria and process to timely address allegations brought to WSCC about supervisors, both spurious and non-spurious, in order to address them quickly and equitably.			
2019-15	Sustainable funding for State Conservation Commission	Thurston CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD shall work with WSCC and the Long-term Sustainable Funding Committee to recommend a sustainable funding option for the Conservation Commission and the Legislature to support CD services, such as revenue from a dedicated fee or direct authority for Rates and Charges.			



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2019-19	Local Work Group Emphasis in WA Conservation	Central Klickitat CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD supports working with NRCS and local leadership on local workgroups in implementing conservation programs.			
2019-22	CD Eligibility for RCO Grants	Eastern Klickitat CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD shall work with RCO and legislators to implement policy revisions to allow CDs to compete more fully in RCO grant categories.			
2019-23	Conservation District Status as Government Entities	Eastern Klickitat CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD will work to clarify in RCW and WAC that CDs are recognized as tax exempt local units of Washington state government.			
2019-24	Community Project Funding	Underwood CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD supports SCC Commission to help create a modified NRI or capital funding stream that allows Districts to act as the contractual recipient and spend funds for specific projects involving multiple landowners in a single area with a common purpose regardless of district priority.			
2019-26	RCW 89.08.405 3(a) Maximum Annual per Parcel Rate	Benton and Franklin CDs	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
RESOLUTION: WACD shall explore Changing RCW 89.08.405 sub 3(a) in the following manner: RCW 89.08.405 (3)(a) The system of rates and charges may include an annual per acre amount, an annual per parcel amount, or an annual per parcel amount plus an annual per acre amount. If included in the system of rates and charges, the maximum annual per acre rate or charge shall not exceed ten cents per acre.-The maximum annual per parcel rate shall not exceed fifteen dollars.			

To be considered at the 2020 Annual Conference

2019-09	Conservation District Elections: Balloting for All	King CD	Legislative, Bylaws, and District Policies
PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: The Washington Association of Conservation Districts is committed to working with the Washington State Legislature to reform Conservation District Board of Supervisor elections to provide the option to use regular ballots sent to all registered voters, specific to King County.			