



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION 2022-11

SHORT TITLE: Review of FSA practice standards

SPONSOR CD: Foster Creek

AREA: NW SW NC SC NE SE

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY (check any option that applies):

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STATE AGENCY _____
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER USDA Farm Service Agency,

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:

There has been a noticeable degradation of programs like CRP, EQIP, and CSP due to inconsistency of program standards brought forth by inconsistencies of contract management due to high staff turnover, limited staff, and limited access to training.

CRP practice standards and rankings inhibit native revegetation through encroachment happening over time leaving vulnerable species, like the sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse, exposed if reseeding activities need to be because of the extreme actions for mitigation. CSP and EQIP variation in how program field applications and managements can be done doesn't support regenerative advancements of different management practices, leaving the producers vulnerable for not receiving needed incentives if more advanced management approaches are taken.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

Request for USDA FSA and NRCS to review existing program standards to see they are still current and that the necessary training and awareness for staff, partners, and local cooperators is taking place.



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TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION (check all boxes that apply):

- 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.

ARE WACD RESOURCES (FUNDING, STAFF CAPACITY, ETC.) REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?

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