**RESOLUTION 2024-04**

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| **RESOLUTION TITLE:** Increasing Access to WSCC Sustainable Farms and Fields |

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| **SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s):** Cascadia Conservation District |

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| **AREA:** 🞏NW 🞏SW ⌧NC 🞏SC 🞏NE 🞏SE |

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| **RESOLUTION TYPE:**  ⌧ **Policy**  🞏 **Position Statement**  🞏 **Recognition**  🞏 **Study** |

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| **RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY** (check any option that applies):  ⌧ **WACD**  **⌧ WSCC**  **🞏 OTHER STATE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **🞏 NRCS**  **🞏 NACD (See Page 2)**  **🞏 NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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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. |

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| **BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT:**  In 2022 the Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1799 adding section 615 to RCW 89.08 that created the Sustainable Farms and Fields program and in the subsequent legislative session provided funding as part of their biennial budget.  Implementation of the “classic” program in the last 3 fiscal years has focused on a few main crop types: annual crops and livestock management practices, mostly excluding support for perennial cropping operations such as orchards, vineyards, and other farm types such as aquaculture. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:**  WACD shall work with WSCC and Conservation Districts to update the Sustainable Farms and Fields program to increase participation of the most relevant crop and farm types not being represented in the current program. |

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| **IS THERE A WACD RESOURCE IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding required, staff time, etc.)**  🞏 **NO**  ⌧ **YES** (briefly explain): This will take some WACD staff time to pull together a workgroup and engage partners in policy decisions. |