**RESOLUTION 2024-05**

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| **RESOLUTION TITLE:** Simplifying the WSCC Sustainable Farms and Fields Program |

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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. In addition, the legislature has added multiple different funding sources with specific limitations to the SFF program creating an increasingly complex, restrictive and confusing program with multiple versions, “Classic”, and “Climate Smart - Livestock”. This addition of the Climate Smart Livestock program, with its 3 sub-categories within it has only increased administrative burden and created a confusing landscape of similarly named programs that Districts are struggling to navigate. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:**  WACD shall work with WSCC, Conservation Districts and the legislature to simplify the language within the budget provisos to create a singular, comprehensive Sustainable Farms and Fields 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. |