**RESOLUTION 2024-08**

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| **SHORT TITLE:** Support WSCC budget requests |

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| **SPONSOR CD:** Palouse 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 Governor’s Office of Financial Management**  **🞏 NRCS**  **🞏 NACD**  **🞏 NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:** Conservation districts, including Palouse CD, have seen a rising increase in demand for services from local landowners, partners, and stakeholders in recent years and securing additional funding to enable conservation districts to at least meet a portion of the rising demand has not been in step. Significant investments in the WSCC and our state’s 45 local conservation districts are needed right now to ensure our collective efforts to improve water quality, restore and protect habitat, meet the growing demand for services related to food security, and enhance soil and forest heath are successful. The WSCC has worked with conservation districts to prepare budget requests to fund conservation districts’ work locally. Without adequate support from WACD and all conservation districts across the state, these budget packages may not be successful in securing funds from the Governor and legislature. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:** WACD will work closely with all conservation districts statewide, WSCC and other partners, to fully support the WSCC budget requests (including but not limited to CTA, RCPP, VSP, NRI, SFF and WSCC Science Hub) through contacts with the Governor’s Office of Financial Management and Legislators. |

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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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| **IS THERE A BUDGET IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?**  🞏 **NO**  ⌧ **YES** (briefly explain): Significant investments in the SCC and our state’s 45 local conservation districts are needed right now to ensure our collective efforts to improve water quality, restore and protect habitat, meet the growing demand for services related to food security, and enhance soil and forest heath are successful. |