



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TITLE: Multiple Year Plant Materials Contracts with Conservation Districts

SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Grays Harbor Conservation District

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 (See Page 2)
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

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.

BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Riparian plant materials demand is at an all time high statewide due to multiple factors including an influx of funding aimed at salmon and riparian habitat restoration as well as the success of conservation districts in educating and providing assistance to landowners interested in riparian planting projects.

For as long as it has existed, the Washington Association of Conservation Districts Plant Materials Center (WACD PMC) has been the go-to vendor for all conservation districts looking to purchase restoration grade, native plant materials. The spike in demand for these types of plants has also brought growth and additional production of these materials by the WACD PMC to try and meet that demand. Looking ahead, however, the demand for native plant materials is going to continue to grow.

Our Tribal partners throughout Washington who also implement large-scale riparian restoration projects have acknowledged this potential for increased demand by contracting with the WACD PMC to guarantee their plant materials orders over several seasons. While we believe this is a great business opportunity for the PMC, WACD and its members, this may end up posing a problem for Washington State Conservation Districts who will be looking to the WACD PMC to fulfill their growing native plant material needs.



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

WACD shall create a contracting mechanism for conservation districts to secure multi season grow agreements, comparable to the contracts secured recently with Tribal partners in Washington State before the 2024-2025 planting season.

IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding [required](#), staff time, etc.)

NO

YES (briefly explain): Yes, the WACD Director, staff and PMC management will need to complete the same amount of work (hours unknown) to analyze when and how to achieve this goal.

If the proposed resolution is to be adopted by NACD complete the sections below to the best of your ability. If the resolution is adopted at the state level, please reach out to the NACD National Director for assistance in finalizing this form.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

If this resolution is adopted by NACD and included in the NACD Policy book it must clearly and concisely, using active verbs, state the specific action(s) expected of NACD; must be based on fact, avoiding opinions and beliefs; the statement should make sense even without the background. (THIS IS GENERALLY NOT WHERE A "WHEREAS" STATEMENT WOULD GO)

SPONSOR(S) ACTIONS TO DATE: (What has been done to address the issue, which agencies and organizations have addressed it also.)

IMPACT ON EXISTING NACD POLICY (if any): (Review NACD Policy Book for existing policies covering this issue.)

IF APPROPRIATE, POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT ON NACD's OR A FEDERAL AGENCY BUDGET:
(E.g., travel, training, equipment, etc.)

MEETING AND DATE ADOPTED BY SPONSORING ENTITY: (E.g., WACD annual meeting date)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S): (Lisa Zaborac, Grays Harbor Conservation District)

WACD National Director (NACD board member)