**RESOLUTION**

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| **SHORT TITLE:** Hydropower Position Statement |

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| **SPONSOR CD:** North Yakima Conservation District |

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| **AREA:** 🞏NW 🞏SW 🞏NC XSC 🞏NE 🞏SE |

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

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

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| **BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:** Hydropower is an issue in the future of Washington’s Green Energy efforts. Past and current legislative efforts require the conversion from carbon-based energy sources to renewable or green energy sources. Within many of those legislative efforts the ability of Utilities to “count” hydropower is limited and/or restricted. Yet the hydropower generated within Washington State is exported to other states to meet / count towards their legislative mandates. Washingtonians continue to see the industrialization of Farmland, Rangeland and ecosystems with Wind Generators and Solar Complex’s as a result of poor or outdated political beliefs. The rising cost of power is one of the additional impacts of these efforts. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:** WACD will develop a position statement in conjunction with Conservation Districts, appropriate partners and entities that identifies and promotes hydropower as a renewable energy resource. WACD will engage in efforts that identify and promote hydropower as a renewable energy resource. WACD will be proactive in its efforts due to the direct connection this issue has to RCW 89.08, Conservation Districts and the conservation of renewable natural resources.WACD shall publicly put out a publication notifying readers what WACD's position is. |

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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.  X Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.  X New policy. |

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| **ARE WACD RESOURCES (FUNDING, STAFF CAPACITY, ETC.) REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?**  🞏 **NO**  X **YES** (briefly explain): Coordination, development and implementation of a position statement will require staff time and effort. |