**RESOLUTION**

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| **RESOLUTION TITLE: Encouraging NRCS Field Office Staff Attendance at WACD Meetings** |

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| **SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Okanogan CD** |

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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:**  Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have historically had a close, supportive relationship. The relationship has benefited from many offices being co-located, planning programs collaboratively, and supporting each other’s programs from the local level up.  Discussions during WACD Area and Annual meetings often turn to subjects which pertain directly to fields of study which NRCS employees have particular expertise and/or knowledge. Having NRCS Field Office staff such as District Conservationists and Resource Conservationists at a minimum at these meetings helps increase the flow of timely and accurate information so appropriate decisions can be made by attendees and assembled conservation family leadership.  Furthermore, this is a critical opportunity for NRCS employees to learn about conservation district, Conservation Commission, and other partner programs, policies, and conservation priorities. These conversations become the basis of a solid foundation for the development of combined program planning for the coming year and strong understanding of mutual priorities. |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:**  **WACD shall work with Washington State NRCS leadership to ensure field office staff at least at the Resource Conservationist and District Conservationist levels are invited and supported to participate in all future WACD Area and Annual meetings.** |

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| **IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding required, staff time, etc.)**  🞏 **NO**  ⌧ **YES** (briefly explain): Staff time to work with NRCS |

**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.**

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| **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) |

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

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| **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.) |

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

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| AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S): (Type name and Title)  WACD National Director (NACD board member) |